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CHI'S CHAPTER HOUSE

The chapter house is an essential part of the fraternity system at Syracuse University; all of the eleven sororities as well as the fourteen fraternities being domiciled in comfortable homes. Considering the fact that even the youngest of these, as soon as organized, goes into a house and presents a most prosperous appearance to the world, one's curiosity is aroused to know how it is done. But the obstacles they have to overcome are few compared to those of earlier chapters.

One familiar with problems of a house which the chapter has managed for twelve years, acquainted with advantages gained from long establishment, can easily realize the difficulties and disadvantages under which our predecessors in the department of house management labored and then at a time when the success of the chapter house system was doubted by even loyal friends.

In 1894, Chi moved into a cosy house on University Avenue; an audacious undertaking, since Alpha Phi, the oldest sorority, was the only one occupying a house. She had been established twenty-two years, while Kappa Alpha Theta, the most recent, but five. It was far from smooth sailing. The girls had worries enough to force anyone less determined to give up the struggle. They endured

all sorts of hardships, made all sorts of sacrifices, and succeeded!

The next year the present house on Irving Avenue was taken. It has fifteen rooms. Furniture together with that from the first house, which was required to fill it comfortably, was purchased on the "installment plan." Monthly payments of ten dollars were to be made on the bill. Whenever a new bed or chair or carpet was thought necessary, it was sent up and the price added to that ever-growing bill.

That furniture bill was the bugbear of the chapter for years. Every month ten dollars went to pay for some worn-out carpet or rickety chair reposing in the attic. We despaired of ever getting it paid, until last year on Founder's day, our *alumnæ* made us a gift of the bill receipted. The amount which had been paid from the first was over \$1,600.

The rent of the house is \$66.66 a month. It, with the expenses of heating, lighting, water, laundry and half of the chaperon's salary is met by the rent paid for the rooms, which vary in price according to their desirability.

One of the juniors acts as house-treasurer, having charge of the collection of the room rent and the paying of house expenses. No small part of her duty is a constant oversight of the house, watching where replenishings are needed, admonishing against wastefulness of gas and of water. This plan has been followed since our first undertaking and has been most satisfactory.

The board is paid to the chaperon who has entire oversight of the table, and of the servants, a cook and a maid. She purchases the provisions as well as plans the meals for the thirteen girls in the house.

We have had many useful gifts, pictures, chairs, hangings, table-linen, and silver marked with the fraternity monogram.

The finances of the house and of the chapter have always been kept separate. The chapter treasury pays the other half of the chaperon's salary and comes to the help of the house treasury on occasion.

We are fast outgrowing our present home. Every spring we have the moving fever, but desirable houses are scarce so we remain where we are.

Our Castle in Spain is a house owned by the chapter, and as perfect as fancy can conjure. Every girl that leaves Chi is determined that this castle shall some day be a real one.

C. L. C.

ALPHA THETA'S HOUSE MANAGEMENT

A successful plan of house management seems to be something yet to be discovered by many of the chapters. Alpha Theta's ventures along this line have been so fraught with success during the two years of the chapter's existence that I have thought our methods might be of interest to the other chapters.

We have based all of our plans on the principle that each girl should have some responsibility and that the responsibility should increase with the college years. As the head we elect a home committee, composed of three from among the older girls of the chapter. The chairman of this committee is the house-manager. The committee audits accounts, is responsible for the ordering of meals, the hiring of servants, etc.

Besides this committee there are special committees responsible for the appearance of the parlors, halls, etc. As a means of assistance in this regard we have established a pound, where all articles such as hats and books,

that are left carelessly down-stairs, are kept to be returned to their owners only after the payment of an exit fee. We have also instituted fines for non-appearance at breakfast at the stated hour and the impulse given to early-rising is really remarkable.

We lease our house by the year, paying the rent monthly. Our furnishings we bought with the privilege of paying for them by installments. We each pay into the house treasury the amount which we should pay for board in the dormitories, twenty dollars a month. The house-committee so plans things that each month the surplus remaining after all bills are paid is applied to our furniture installments. Inasmuch as we are thus able to use what would otherwise go to a housekeeper, we will soon own all our house furnishings. We are already planning the house which we are going to build when the time comes. We expect installments to have become a habit with us and our future house to be built from them.

So much for the financial part of the housekeeping. Our chaperon has nothing to do with this phase of things, but rather acts as general adviser, and this year in having a mother of one of the girls, we have found one who is willing to be all things to all girls. To her we go for counsel, but we are self-governing in that we make our own rules and are ourselves responsible for keeping them.

We have found that our chapter house is the best kind of domestic science training school. The younger girls, under the older ones, order meals and go over the bills. Each has some work to do in the house and is to some extent responsible for the entertaining of guests. Furthermore, they are early trained in the chafing-dish and salad-compounding arts.

We are trusting that our housekeeping methods are going to furnish the practical training which is so hard to find in a college course, that a girl on leaving college may

be even more intelligently sensitive to poor biscuits than she is to cleft infinitives.

LILY BESS CAMPBELL.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF KAPPA CHAPTER

Finances are a very prosaic subject and interesting only because they are vital. So perhaps no introductory apology is needed for the plain statements made below, which tell of the plan of financial management which Kappa chapter is now pursuing, with greater success than has been the case under previous plans.

To avoid confusion and more evenly divide responsibility we established three financial "departments," each of which has its own manager and carefully kept set of books, its own special income and certain things for which this income must pay.

First of all, there is the general treasury, managed by the chapter treasurer. For its income there are the regular monthly dues of a dollar and a half, from each member, and the initiation fees. Our initiation fee is the maximum amount allowed by the constitution, and after the proper amount has been paid to the national fraternity treasury the surplus is used to pay the first installment of the general per capita tax. Besides paying our national dues the general treasury pays seven dollars a month for the use of the house parlor, where all of our meetings are held. It also pays the monthly salary of our chaperon; pays for all our little informal social gatherings; for our more formal social functions, such as the annual reception to the faculty and to the freshman girls, the annual fall party, though the annual spring party is paid for by spe-

cial assessment, and also all our rushing expenses, which have heretofore amounted to very little as our rushing, when we rush at all, has been of an extremely simple character.

After the first year we separated the house and table management, so that now the house is run by a house manager, and the table by a stewardess.

The house derives its income from the rent of seven bedrooms and of the parlor, amounting to ninety-three dollars a month, and from the house fund. The house fund is raised each year by the new initiates, each of whom has to pay into this fund five dollars before the end of her first year as a member of the fraternity. This money is then set aside for the special purpose of buying necessary new furniture and of keeping the old furniture in repair. The house then pays for the lighting, which is natural gas, for fuel, water, telephone, cleaning, house laundry and for the furnace boy.

The table board is three dollars and a half a week and this of course furnishes the table and pays the cook; the waiter is a student who waits on the table for his board. We have found that to make the table pay well, twelve girls at least should board at the house. Whatever surplus there may be from the table is turned into the house fund, and last year our plan worked so successfully that we were able, by a good deal of economy, to pay off our two hundred dollar debt, to move into a new and larger house and furnish it comfortably though modestly.

CHAPTER HOUSE LIFE IN A FLAT

Upsilon's chapter house, paradoxical as it may seem, is a flat, although we dignify it with the familiar and well-loved title, "The House." We have the first floor of a duplex house belonging to one of the University professors, who occupies the second floor. Two years ago Upsilon rented and furnished a larger house, but found the question of financial management a difficult one to answer since so few of the girls in the chapter come from outside either Minneapolis or St. Paul. We are now so pleasantly and comfortably situated that the thought of a real house never tempts us.

There are five rooms besides the reception hall, and they include a parlor, dining room, living room, bed room and kitchen. Two of the out-of-town girls occupy the bed room, thus contributing to the house-rent fund. Since the furniture is all owned by the chapter there is left only the remainder of the rent and the gas and telephone bills to be cared for, and these are met by regular assessments.

The girls living in the house take their meals upstairs so no regular meals are served in our own apartment. However, we have a well equipped kitchen and pantry and can, on occasion, prepare a dainty luncheon in a miraculously short time. Our efforts have even resulted, at rare intervals, in dinners which we look back upon with pride. The task of dusting and keeping the house in good order from day to day is entrusted to the freshmen. It is, besides, a matter of pride with each girl to do her part toward preserving order.

Upsilon therefore feels that she has all the joys and few of the vexations of chapter house life. She would recommend that other chapters, weary of grappling with house-maintaining problems, follow her example and that of many a modern housekeeper, and learn the possibilities for the simpler life in a flat.

FINANCES OF RHO'S CHAPTER HOUSE

The first year of Rho's chapter house was one which will furnish material for exciting tales for many years to come, particularly when told by the enthusiastic and self-sacrificing girls who lived under and in spite of all kinds of difficulties in order that a nucleus might be formed for a successful chapter house. Two girls who lived in the house and two who boarded there (mainly upon fried bread, it would appear) supported the house until re-enforced by the freshmen. If ever those four loyal girls wish reward for the first hard year, all they need is to look in upon the fourteen girls in Rho's chapter house this year, living in what would have seemed a mansion seven years ago, with financial and domestic affairs running as smoothly as in one's own home.

The financial arrangements are very simple. One of the older girls is elected each spring to fill the office of house treasurer for the coming year. She has charge of all house finances, receiving the money for board and room and paying all bills. As she is most familiar with the condition of the treasury she necessarily decides whether money shall be spent, and how much, in the every day needs of the house. She keeps, of course, exact accounts. As it has always been necessary to lease the house for a period of twelve months or more, the rent for the summer months has to be saved during the school year, and the house treasurer computes how much must be saved for this purpose and how much, approximately, may be allowed every month for help, the table and incidental expenses.

The chaperon orders the meals and pays no room rent or board. The telephone is supported by an extra tax upon each girl, every month. The house pays for the laundering

of the table linen, bed linen and so forth; otherwise each girl attends to her own laundry. During some years a washwoman has been hired to do all the washing, sometimes outside, but this was abandoned as unsatisfactory because of the confusion in the kitchen and the difficulty of paying proportionally for the laundry of individual girls. The question of heat has always been a puzzling one. Usually a boy has been hired to attend to the furnace but he was almost as unsatisfactory as were the house girls and the cook who one year divided the "stoking" between them. This year the landlord takes entire charge of the coal and heating for a lump sum for the winter, which hardly exceeds what has usually been spent for coal alone.

The wages for servants have varied from three dollars and a half to seven and a half during the present year, out of which the cook hires a waitress. The cook, as a rule, does little outside of the kitchen and dining room except to clean the lower floor thoroughly once a week and, when she can, the upper floors. The upstairs rooms and the lower floor during the week are cared for by the house girls.

At the beginning of each school year, the house treasurer buys such furnishings as may be needed for the house and pays the bill as soon as possible after the house is in running order. The amount spent has varied from fifty to two hundred dollars. During the first year the house was furnished by the chaperon; afterwards partly by donations of old or new furniture from *alumnæ* and friends, partly by furnishings bought or brought from home by house girls, and partly by such things as were bought out of the scanty house fund. Especially during the early history of the chapter houses and even up to the present time it has been the custom for silver, pictures, rugs and furniture of all kinds to be given at banquet and initiation time, by *alumnæ* and other fraternities. In this way all the fraternities have helped to furnish each other's houses, but in the

last year or so, the custom of presenting gifts at such times has been almost abolished, because it has become so extravagant and is not necessary in the prosperous fraternity houses of to-day.

Expenses vary, of course, in fraternity houses according to locality. In Rho each girl has always paid five dollars a week for board and room although the number of girls has varied from two to fourteen. In the rare instances where one can get a good room and good board in the same house in Lincoln, the amount is considerably more than this. And one does not have the freedom of a sixteen room house!

The years have ended variously. For the first three years the house was never out of debt. It finished the fourth year with a balance of twenty dollars, the fifth with three hundred, part of which was put aside at interest. For the first period until the house is partly furnished and the girls learn how "to manage," the chapter house is almost bound to be in debt, but later with a careful house treasurer and a watchful chaperon to turn down the gas, and above all, with reasonable success in filling the house, there is no reason why a chapter house should not be self-supporting. What usually lines the landlady's pocket supports a library and parlor, supplies furnishings far nicer than any found in rooming houses, in fact fills the need of a home.

RHO'S CHAPTER HOUSE

It is a little over a year since Rho entered and took possession of her new chapter house. The building is not owned by the fraternity but was designed and built for us by one of the professors.

The house is a picturesque one of three stories, the



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exterior walls being covered with stucco and dark-brown stained wood beams. A large and comfortable looking stone porch prepares one for the breadth of the interior arrangement of the first floor, for reception hall, parlor, dining-room and library are separated only by very small partitions. The wood work is of quarter-sawed oak, beautifully finished and blending artistically with the green tinted walls of the first two rooms and the warm yellow tones of the dining-room and library.

The parlor is ornamented and dignified by a huge fireplace and the dining room by a built-in buffet. Off the dining room is a lavatory and cloak room combined, and the kitchen extends the whole width of the rear of the house.

On the landing of the front stairway is a place for the archive chest. The second floor has six bedrooms each opening into a long corridor. The bedrooms on the third floor are built around a square hall, which is cozily furnished and is known as the "third floor parlor." On this floor also, a bedroom is set apart for the use of the town girls.

A CHAPTER HOUSE QUESTION

There is probably no question in the mind of any active Theta in regard to the desirability, on the whole, of having a chapter house. The chapters fortunate enough to have this phase of fraternity life are delighted with it, while those that have not are making every effort to obtain it.

But are there not two sides to the question, after all? And it may be well to consider for once the disadvantages instead of the advantages, with a view to eliminating as

far as possible the more pronounced objectionable features as far as they apply to our own particular case.

Any student who has taken her meals at a large student boarding house, or at the college dormitory, knows that here more than anywhere else she has the opportunity to meet and learn to know her fellow students. In the chapter house the same score of girls are thrown together day after day. Naturally congenial, they soon come, almost unconsciously, to be exclusive. They thus miss the opportunity of knowing non-fraternity students well, and thus not only gain a reputation with the latter for snob-bishness, but also lose much pleasure and profit because of the exclusiveness of their friendships.

The indefinable, but none the less definite antagonism to fraternities, which exists on the part of many non-fraternity students is undoubtedly fostered by the chapter house. A non-fraternity girl might not hesitate to approach a fraternity girl in the halls of the dormitory or in a private house, but it takes a real courage to ask for her at the door of her chapter house. This should not be, but is it not true? Do the non-fraternity girls in your college feel free to come to your chapter house without special invitation to study a lesson with one of you, to discuss some matter of college interest, or plan a Y. W. C. A. meeting? In doing this do they run no risk of becoming the subject of unpleasant remarks about "rushing your fraternity"? They ought not, yet few care to try the experiment.

Another possible influence in the wrong direction is one that is not exclusively typical of chapter house life, but is none the less most vitally harmful, and that is, the opportunity afforded for the stronger characters among the girls to dominate, thus causing the girls who are not so decided in their opinions to have less and less courage to express them. A chapter house complicates fraternity life

by the addition of many details, and it will be found that possibly two or three who possess the inherent capacity for leadership are making the decisions for the whole number.

Such conditions ought to be remedied, and that too, without giving up the chapter house and its manifold advantages. Whenever the chapter house, or the fraternity for that matter, tends to develop the more pronounced individualities of the girls at the expense of those as yet undeveloped or to narrow the lives of its members and to sever them from the general life of the college, it has a demoralizing instead of an uplifting effect. The fascinations of chapter house life are so subtly alluring that it is difficult to realize the possible evils it may foster. But it is a chapter's own fault if it has the label "clannish" attached to it, or finds its voice not wanted in counsel by those who shape the student policy of a college and lead in its important student activities. And is it not possible to make non-fraternity girls, and those of other fraternities so welcome to your chapter house that they will not only wish to come again, but will feel free to do so without special invitation? It is not in want of good-will, but lack of thoughtfulness and tact that we too often fail. We are naturally absorbed in fraternity interests, and forget that such topics may be devoid of meaning, if not positively embarrassing, to guests at the home. If they appear awkward let us realize that it is we ourselves who are to blame. The effort to bring forth the best in others is one that is well worth making for it always develops the best in the one who makes it. Let the brilliant magnetic girl in the chapter remember this and be content to reflect rather than always to shine.

It is therefore only by constant individual watchfulness that the chapter house may be made what it should be, an ennobling influence upon not only the chapter members but also upon the girls of the college in general.

GIRLS AND FLOWERS

The present landscape features of Delta's yard, a double row of trees at the north and a fine opportunity for a lawn, open before the imagination an unlimited vista of possibilities. My personal interest in a garden for Delta has caused me to choose this subject. Unlike the rose-grower who began his catalogue with a quotation from Anacreon in praise of the rose, and who perhaps had elected a classical course, I shall not enrich my theme with a poem, but shall write down two ideas gained from reading "Country Life,"—that a fine lawn is one of the gardener's highest achievements, and that a house without shrubbery about its foundations is like a lady whose petticoats show.

It is not necessary to have a trained taste that feels the specific esthetic pang for every violation of the landscape architect's rules in order to cultivate and gratify a longing for flowers. A hedge of shrubs, a vine-covered porch, an arbor, are features that suggest themselves. Delta once had a bed of black and gold pansies; her experience with them brought up that most obvious objection to gardening about a fraternity house: "The flowers bloom in the summer, just when we aren't here." But there are spring flowers and autumn flowers. There are the spring bulbs, the early-flowering shrubs such as Forsythia, and our Theta pansies. Pansies should be planted in the fall and wintered under a covering of branches and straw. Then they will accomplish something worth while.

The rose and peony blossom just on the dividing line between college and vacation. I remember seeing the first Baltimore Belles at sunrise one morning during commencement week. The earliest roses might be selected, so that they would bloom before the chapter house was deserted. But if the rose is uncertain in its own June season, and

likely to be in bud just when everyone is packing trunks, it blossoms in the fall. Of the roses that flower often, the Hybrid Perpetuals are in general the hardier, the Hybrid Teas more generous of bloom.

Other fall flowers are cosmos, the dahlia and the gladiolus, which increases rapidly and can be raised as easily as the potato, so they say. A grape-arbor may be included among the alluring joys of the fall garden and to complete the year, there are for winter scarlet-berried vines, red-barked dogwood and the evergreens. Some of these evergreens are very ornamental, the *Retinospira* having iridescent-hued leaves. On the house the rose Madame Norbert Levasseur, the new baby rambler, promises to be a most attractive pot-plant.

One's imagination might go on to the contemplation of a chapter-house raising an improbable quantity of small fruits and hot-bed vegetables for its own table, or to a famous feminine Burbank who discovers her ability among the opportunities of the Theta garden. Indeed, it offers an interesting question for debate as to whether a generously inclined person might best spend a given sum in buying new pillows, in starting a little chapter library, or in establishing an asparagus bed. However, we should all be satisfied and delighted with a good lawn enlivened in the spring with crocuses, with a few fruits and vegetables, and with a moderate endowment of shrubs and perennial plants such as would take little care beyond an occasional spread, not of salad and sandwiches, but of fertilizer; even posies need to eat. Delta would be glad if she could write to the Journal of grass where grass should be, if nothing else.

A garden would console us for being away from home when our pet rose-bushes are in bloom, and it would add to our most pleasant memories of happiest college days—for flowers belong with girls.

ETHEL RICKER.

CONDITIONS AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford University is now well on in the first year of her new era, a year of new loyalty and enthusiasm. The university opened at the usual time, the last week in August, and welcomed back an eager, enthusiastic student body, and a more eager class of freshmen. It is a strange fact, in view of the condition of the university, that the number of applications for the present year has exceeded that of previous years. Immensely handicapped by the loss of several buildings, and by severe damage done to many others, and in face of the years it will take to regain what has been lost, the university feels herself in many ways stronger than ever before. Resolute energy and courage in the face of disaster have developed a new spirit, the spirit of the pioneers, they say, is characterizing the new era.

The Commencement, delayed from May 23, was held September 15. To the sixty members of the "Earthquake Class" of two hundred who were fortunate enough to return, the sight of their university in a normal condition again was a sight to rejoice their hearts, and to wipe out those haunting memories of the desperate days following the earthquake and the closing of college. To the commencement exercises and President and Mrs. Jordan's reception to the faculty and graduates, the class added, as its share of the festivities, its original senior farce, and carried through the usual class day exercises, the laying of the '06 plate, and the reception at Encina Hall, the men's dormitory.

The amount of damage to be repaired can be gauged slightly from the fact that the engineering experts selected by the trustees required three months to complete their report. Following their advice, the work of repairing has



PHI'S CHAPTER HOUSE

been put into the hands of three men of the Stanford faculty. Professors Marx, Durand and Wing, who make up the "Commission of Engineers." According to their estimate it will require two years to put the Quad back where it was before the earthquake, leaving out the church and the Memorial Arch. This estimate does not include the new Library and Gymnasium, which were separate buildings outside the Quadrangle. These two and the arch are being torn down to the ground, and the work seems almost as slow as that of building up. It is the intention to follow the new methods of California construction in rebuilding, and to alter the form of architecture in the buildings that suffered most to one that is capable of withstanding earthquakes.

All the dwellings of the campus are frame houses, and all were more or less damaged. The only one to be totally wrecked was the Chi Psi lodge, and the destruction of it was due largely to badly constructed foundations. The house was twisted from its foundations and dropped on the ground. The chimneys in every house were lost above the roof, and in most cases outside chimneys were completely knocked out. The walls of the first floor of every house had to be replastered, and in many houses those of the second and third floors. The foundations of many had to be strengthened. The cost of repairs to the fraternity houses, which are the largest on the campus, ranged from several hundred to two or three thousand dollars. In a few cases the cost was lessened by the men who were able to give their vacation services to plastering and carpenter work.

The Theta house, although within a stone's throw of the wrecked Chi Psi house, was about the least injured of all. The foundations were unhurt, and scarcely an inch of plastering was lost from the outside. The cost of repairing two chimneys was \$75. The walls of the living

rooms and hall have been panelled in unfinished redwood to match the dining room, at a cost of \$75, somewhat more than the cost of plaster, but far more substantial. The brick fireplace of the dining room will probably have to be taken out and the chimney rebuilt before it is used. The plastering of the second and third floors is practically unhurt but there are yet to be finished on the first floor the kitchen, pantries and one room. The rear hall of the first floor and the halls of the second and third floors have been done in paper and burlap. The house is six years old, and we feel we are especially fortunate that it has proved to be so well built.

REFUGEE WORK DONE BY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA STUDENTS

So much has been said about the earthquake and the fire in San Francisco that it seems as if there were nothing left to tell, and yet a few things done by the college students may still be of interest.

Early on the morning of the earthquake the college awoke to the fact that a tragedy had occurred across the bay and that there was a great need of assistance. Unfortunately President Wheeler was away, but several of the professors took his place as best they could and the relief work was started under their direction. Stiles Hall, the Y. M. C. A. building, was made headquarters.

Miss Sprague, the Dean of women, took charge of all the women students. She organized corps of workers, some to meet the refugees as they came from the train, others to help cook the food in the emergency kitchen, set up on the campus, others to take care of the sick.

Hearst Hall, the girls' gymnasium, was turned into an

emergency hospital and women were detailed to be nurses there.

Every woman in the university came to Stiles Hall, received her orders, and went to work. And how they did slave! Girls who had never bestirred themselves to do a thing in college now showed what they were made of.

Even before these arrangements were in working order, the refugees began to pour in from San Francisco. They carried on their backs all they had been able to save out of their homes, from furniture to canaries and white mice in cages.

The townspeople and students worked together in caring for the refugees who were taken to the different camping grounds which had been hastily arranged in the football field. The ill or wounded were taken to the hospitals.

At first the work was much harder because it was not systematized and some of the women labored day and night at work in hospitals, laundry and camps, such as they had never done before.

Unfortunately the poor people in the city had heard that Berkeley was on fire and at first they would not cross the bay. Finally a party of about fifty women students went over to the city and with much persuasion brought a train load of refugees back with them.

The work continued without slacking for about a week and by that time the refugees who were rested and able were put to work and the students given a chance to rest. They were urged to go home, and within ten days after the earthquake all but the seniors had gone. They stayed and tried to make the best of their Commencement.

The men students were doing their part in helping everywhere. The cadets were ordered to San Francisco to help fight the fire and do guard duty. As many of the men as could get uniforms, the only passport to the city, went over. Their work was highly praised by the military authorities.

We could hardly believe it was the same Berkeley when we came back again in August. All the refugee camps had been removed and not a trace of the disaster was left in Berkeley except the over-crowded boarding houses with students clamoring for lodging places.

MARION CRAIG, '07.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC FIELD AT CORNELL

It was just a year ago this fall that President Shurman, in his address to the entering class, told us that the University had opened the heart and purse to the girls, and given us an athletic field. At the time we were not over-enthusiastic, for the spot, although secluded, and beautifully situated at the end of one of our most romantic walks, seemed far from our ideal of an athletic field. In fact, it consisted chiefly of a pond of more or less stagnant water, surrounded by a cinder path which the men used for a running track. To drain this pond, fill it up and lay it out in tennis courts, etc., seemed to us a problem and, for financial reasons, an almost impossible one.

To be sure, the University had given us five hundred dollars; but this was only a beginning, and as the girls said, "could be sunk in the mud where the pond had been, without making an impression."

To give up without a fight was not our motto. The problem confronting us was, "How shall we raise more money?" This was seriously considered by all the girls in Sage Hall, for we felt the need of the field very much, and determined at least to set the movement going. If we did not reap the results, others would.

The first move was made by the Sports and Pastimes Club. It took the form of a subscription dance, given on

Washington's birthday. The girls responded enthusiastically. Those who could not go gave money toward it. Some members of the faculty, and outside friends also showed material interest.

Following this, came our Sage grocery. It started in a very simple way. Several board shelves, upon which were arranged crackers, sugar, tea, olives, and such things as the girls most used for their evening spreads, made up the store. A tin box with a slit in the top stood ready to receive the money. If one did not have the exact change, she made out a slip, charging the amount to her account, and left this to tell the tale.

These slips were cared for by the girls who ran the grocery, and accounts were settled with them. No one tended store. The honor system proved most successful, and the grocery prospered. At the end of the spring we had added to our supplies and had a very complete list of "eats."

At present, enough money has been raised to begin work on the field, and we hope to have our tennis courts in order this fall. With patience, perseverance, and hard work on our part, we feel sure that some day we shall have a field to be envied.

MARY R. PRESTON.

THE LONG SPIKE AT DE PAUW

A striking change in rushing among De Pauw sororities was instituted this fall. What has always before been such a problem, the length of the "spike," is now solved, at least for this year. Before leaving for our homes last June, the Pan-Hellenic had many a controversy over this problem. Alpha was decidedly in favor of a long spike.

But great was the surprise one day when our president, Dr. Hughes, called a council meeting with the Pan-Hellenic, at which he too advocated a long spike. Everyone acquiesced gracefully, with the result that pledge day was set for the first Monday in February.

In the years previous, rushing has been hard and furious for the first two weeks. Dr. Hughes especially emphasized the request that getting acquainted with new girls should be accomplished on a perfectly normal basis. A set of hard and fast rules has resulted whereby each sorority is permitted only two dates a week with new girls and these out of study hours. Accompanying new girls either to chapel or church is barred. Thus acquaintance may be formed in more natural ways, as through short walks, informal calls and about college between class periods.

We are already beginning to see the benefit of the long spike. We have time to put in on our studies, which had really been neglected the first two weeks of previous years. The relations with other fraternity girls are not so strained. We really feel that we have a chance to breathe and look around at the new girls without truly spiking them. Then there is the great advantage of finding out the grades of the new girls, and, too, there may be something of an incentive to the old girls to make a good class standing for in this new regime freshmen have an opportunity to judge the scholarship of the upper classmen. So, although the time for testing it has been short, we of Alpha think the long spike can be endorsed, and we feel that in the end it will be a success.

FRANCES L. WALES.

A ONE-DAY SPIKE

Theta at Indiana has always been in favor of a long spike and a late pledge day. But with the other three sororities standing together for a short contract or none at all, it has been impossible for the past few years to come to an agreement satisfactory to Theta. This fall our pledge-time was five o'clock on the day of matriculation, when the majority of new girls had been in Bloomington about twenty-four hours. This arrangement prevented even the semblance of naturalness in the rush. An informal dance and spread, a dinner, a luncheon and a reception, besides other individual rushing, had to be crowded into the short space of twenty-four hours. Decisions about girls had to be made after an acquaintance of one evening. This would have been an utterly impossible and impracticable thing to do, if we had not been able to base our decisions largely upon very reliable recommendations. We were more than usually fortunate in this respect this fall, but it is not a condition of affairs which one can count upon every year. That mistakes may be made, both in pledging and in failure to pledge is obvious.

But in spite of all its faults, a one-day spike has some good points. It necessitates a good organization of all fraternity affairs during the summer; it keeps all the active girls, scattered though they are, in close touch with each other and with fraternity affairs; it brings them back to college, several days before the beginning of classes, familiar with what has been done and is to be done during the first week of school; lastly, it leaves all the girls, both old and new, free to begin their college work with an interest and an energy which are almost lacking if their minds are occupied with things that seem to them, for the time, of much greater importance—namely, rushing part-

ies, and the giving and receiving of propositions. If this continues for a week or ten days, the weaker student has had time to become almost overwhelmed with back work, which keeps her (physically and mentally exhausted as she is) at a disadvantage for a whole term, if it does not materially affect her whole college course. So, from the standpoint of two years' experience, first with a ten-day contract, then with a one-day contract, I should say that the latter is preferable. If it is not possible to get a contract for several months, the shorter the time the better.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH INTER-SORORITY CONVENTION

The Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference was called by Mrs. Robt. Leib, Alpha Xi Delta, at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago, Friday afternoon, September 14, 1906. Miss Jobelle Holcomb, Chi Omega, acted as secretary of the Conference. A committee on credentials was appointed and the following delegates were enrolled.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.—Mrs. Laura H. Norton, 2541 N. Paulina St., Chicago.

PI BETA PHI.—Miss Elizabeth Gamble, 565 Cass Ave., Detroit.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.—Miss George Challoner, 456 New York Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.

DELTA GAMMA.—Miss Margarethe Sheppard, 225 Greenwood B'lv'd, Evanston, Ill.

ALPHA PHI.—Mrs. J. H. McElroy, 153 E. 54 St., Chicago.

GAMMA PHI BETA.—Miss Lillian W. Thompson, 326 W. 61st Place, Chicago.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 S. 5th St., Place, Chicago.

CHI OMEGA.—Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Carnall Hall, Fayetteville, Ark.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.—Mrs. Amy Olgen Parmlee, 918 Chase Ave., Chicago.

SIGMA KAPPA.—Mrs. G. A. Marsh, 1219 Washington St., Hoboken, N. J.

ALPHA OMICRON PI.—Mrs. Clifford Bigelow, 396 S. 41 Ave., Chicago.

ALPHA XI DELTA.—Mrs. Robt. Leib, 1271 Washington St., Springfield, Ill.

The secretary read the report of the Fourth Inter-Sorosity Conference. Mrs. Leib then read a report of her work as secretary of the Fourth Inter-Sorosity Conference. This report was a resume of the work accomplished during the year, and is in part as follows:

After the close of the Fourth Conference the secretary had printed 500 copies of the record of Conference proceedings and sent copies to the Grand Secretaries for distribution to chapters and officers, to Conference delegates, and to the five sororities that had petitioned the Conference for membership. Five hundred copies were too few this year on account of the increased interest in the Conference. Gamma Phi Beta decided at her November, 1905, convention to co-operate with the Conference in all points. The Conference Secretary took a vote of Grand Presidents at the close of the Conference to permit the Michigan sororities to pledge non-matriculantes. The Grand Presidents voted to ratify the recommendations of the Fourth Conference, and Michigan was granted the dispensation for one year. During the year, the Secretary, at the suggestion of Miss Wheeler, Kappa Kappa Gamma, investigated the best points of the constitution of Women's Social Service Leagues then in operation, with the result that a model or sample constitution was formed. This has been given wide circulation, having been sent to the Deans of state institutions and to many interested persons. In December, a conference of Deans of women of state institutions was held in Chicago and the secretary of the Conference was asked to arrange a session with representatives

of the Conference. Consequently the Chicago delegates to the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference were present and a pleasant and helpful meeting was the result. Letters from Deans of fifteen institutions have since been received by the Secretary. The Wisconsin Pan-Hellenic sent a petition for investigation of local conditions to the Grand Presidents of sororities and to the Conference delegates. It was decided to send an investigating committee before the close of the school year. Most of the sororities having Wisconsin chapters sent a delegate. The committee secured valuable information concerning the situation. All Grand Presidents except two have unconditionally approved the constitution for the Inter-Sorority Conference which was proposed by the Fourth Conference. The expense of the Conference for each sorority this year is two dollars (\$2.00). The Pan-Hellenics have done a good work through the year with but few difficulties arising to detract from the whole. The Secretary recommends that the Conference formulate a working constitution for Pan-Hellenics for their assistance.

Reports were then read by the delegates from the several sororities with the exception of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega. These three reports were deferred until September 15. The reports included the sorority's progress in Pan-Hellenic and Social Service work, convention action bearing upon the Inter-Sorority Conference, conflicts and difficulties arising from the inter-sorority compact, attitude of the sorority toward granting exceptions to inter-sorority laws, recommendations to the Inter-Sorority Conference.

Information was asked by Mrs. Tennant on Pan-Hellenic and Social Service work. Mrs. Tennant was appointed a committee of one to correspond with the visiting delegates, or with such persons as perform the duty of visiting delegates of the several sororities, with a view to interesting them in the Social Service work, and of obtaining a report on the work done by each chapter along this line.

The question as to whether a unanimous or a majority vote should prevail in Pan-Hellenic transactions was brought up. The question as to whether eligibility to chairmanship in Pan-Hellenics date from establishment of a chapter as a local or as a national was also brought up.

After some discussion a motion was made and carried that a committee, with Mrs. Leib as chairman, be appointed to draw up a model constitution to be submitted to Pan-Hellenics as a guide in framing a constitution. This committee was composed of Mrs. Leib, Mrs. Norton and Miss Gamble.

A motion was made and carried that the editors of the several sororities be requested to insert in the directory page of the journal the name and address of the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

A motion was made and carried that each sorority send \$5.00 to the Secretary as soon as possible to defray the expenses for the coming year. Each delegate was instructed to inform her Grand President of such action.

The Conference adjourned until Saturday, September 15.

At the second session the reports deferred from the preceding session were read. The reports of the standing committees were then taken up. Mrs. Parmelee gave the report of the representative committee sent to Madison, Wisconsin. This committee met the local Pan-Hellenic and heard the claims of the sororities for special dispensation. The request from the Pan-Hellenic was read. The sororities asked for dispensation for two years and promised to pledge only seniors in High Schools, and to abolish floating pledges if the pledge does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging. It was moved and carried that the Conference recommend to the Grand Presidents that the request be granted on the conditions mentioned above.

The petition from Michigan was then read. It was moved and carried that the Conference recommend to the Grand Presidents that dispensation be granted to Michigan for one

year, provided only seniors in the High Schools be pledged and the pledge be withdrawn if the young lady does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging.

A motion was made and carried that one sorority at Wisconsin and at Michigan University be interested in the conditions existing in those two universities and asked to study those conditions with a view to improvement. Mrs. McElroy was appointed a committee of one to interest Alpha Phi at Michigan, Miss Challoner, to interest Kappa Kappa Gamma at Wisconsin.

The delegates took luncheon together, and the afternoon session convened for the continuation of reports of standing committees. Miss Thompson, as chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the Deans of Women on matters of sorority interest, gave her report which is printed in separate covers for distribution. It was suggested that the Grand Presidents be asked to send to the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference the addresses of possible representatives in the Dean's Conference since it was suggested that each sorority be represented in the Dean's Conference.

It was moved and carried that the Conference present to the several sororities the following motion for their consideration: Resolved, that sororities in High Schools and other secondary schools should be discountenanced, and that after four years from date of notification by Grand Presidents, each sorority in the Inter-Sorority Conference refuse to admit any young woman who has been a member of a sorority in a High School or a secondary school.

The committee on the model constitution for Pan-Hellenics submitted a constitution which, with slight variations, was accepted. The constitution is printed separately for distribution.

The constitution of the Inter-Sorority Conference was then taken up. Since a unanimous vote could not be obtained on

the constitution as presented by the Fourth Inter-Sorosity Conference, some amendments were made in hopes that a working constitution may be adopted. The constitution is again presented to the Grand Presidents for their consideration. The constitution is as follows:

Constitution

ARTICLE I.

Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Inter-Sorosity Conference.

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The object of the Inter-Sorosity Conference shall be to improve the methods of rushing and pledging and to consider questions of general interest to the Sorosity world.

ARTICLE III.

Organization.

The Conference shall be composed of one delegate from each national sorosity represented.

ARTICLE IV.

Eligibility to Membership.

No Sorosity shall be represented in the Conference which has less than five chapters or which has any chapter in an institution below collegiate rank.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

The Conference shall assemble annually, time and place of the following meeting to be arranged each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Calling of Meetings.

Section 1. The meetings of the Conference shall be called by the Sorosities in rotation.

Section 2. The official list shall be:

1. Pi Beta Phi.
2. Kappa Alpha Theta.
3. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
4. Delta Gamma.
5. Alpha Phi.
6. Gamma Phi Beta.
7. Alpha Chi Omega.
8. Delta Delta Delta.
9. Alpha Xi Delta.
10. Chi Omega.
11. Sigma Kappa.
12. Alpha Omicron Pi.

Section 3. Additions to official list shall be made in order of election to membership.

Section 4. The delegate from the Sorority calling the Conference shall act as chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order shall act as secretary of the Conference, and shall continue in office until she calls the next Conference.

ARTICLE VII.

Powers.

The powers of this organization shall be two-fold: first to propose legislation to the Sororities; second, to act as a standing court of appeal to settle local difficulties reported to it by the Sororities or by Pan-Hellenic Associations.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of officers.

Section 1. Chairman: The chairman shall preside at the meetings.

Section 2. Secretary: The duties of the secretary shall be as follows:

She shall keep the minutes.

She shall send reports of the Conference, within two weeks

after adjournment, to the members of the Conference and to all Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference for distribution to chapters and officers of their Sororities.

She shall issue questions proposed by the Conference to the Grand Secretaries for presentation to their Sororities and shall, upon receipt of the result, send notice of same to all Grand Secretaries.

She shall report all measures of Inter-Sorosity interest passed by any Grand Council or by any convention at once to the Conference.

She shall send to each Grand Secretary voting blanks for all motions submitted to the Sororities by the Conference.

She shall prepare the program of the next Conference meeting and the instructions to delegates, and shall issue the call for the next meeting.

She shall have power on application from any Pan-Hellenic Association to appoint a member of the Conference whose Sorosity interests are not involved in the question at issue, to investigate and arbitrate any difficulty arising in the Pan-Hellenic. Expenses of the one sent are to be paid by the local Pan-Hellenic.

ARTICLE IX.

Legislation.

Legislation enacted by a Sorosity at the suggestion of the Conference can be repealed or modified only by formal action of the Sororities, who must follow the regular order of procedure. Legislation cannot be changed by any one Sorosity or by the Inter-Sorosity Conference.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a unanimous vote of all the Sororities represented in the Inter-Sorosity Convention.

It was suggested that the following motions, that have already been acted upon, be emphasized in the report of the Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference:

1. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.
2. The pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic association existing there.
3. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated.
4. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The Conference wishes to emphasize also the recommendations of the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference:

1. That the Secretary of the Conference be sent copies of all the sorority journals.
2. That all sorority journal editors be requested to send exchanges to officers of all other sororities and to all chapters in colleges where the respective sororities are represented.
3. That each Grand Secretary send to the Inter-Sorority Conference Secretary revised lists of chapter rolls and officers to facilitate her work.

The Secretary was asked to investigate the laws of the states concerning the making and wearing of badges by unauthorized persons. Some complaint was made that unauthorized jewelers are putting on sale cheap, unofficial pins that may be purchased by any person. The Conference was asked to do what it could in the matter.

The Conference adjourned till September, 1907.

JOBELLE HOLCOMBE,

Secretary Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference.

EDITORIALS

An alumnus of one fraternity on being asked the "sine qua non" of successful fraternity life replied in unequivocal terms that it lay in the maintenance by each individual chapter of a chapter house. And there seems scarcely a chapter old or young of any fraternity or sorority which does not seem imbued with the same idea. Yet the obstacles to be overcome in obtaining and running on a businesslike basis a fraternity house are often tremendous. We congratulate most heartily, therefore, the thirteen chapters who have satisfactorily solved the problem of house management. In this issue we have given us in some detail the financial history and methods of five chapters the product of whose experiences should be most helpful especially to those chapters who are just now wrestling with this problem.

About the date that this issue of Kappa Alpha Theta reaches its readers Psi moves into a new house, owned and built by the chapter. Our congratulations and good wishes are added to the hosts of others that will attend them in their house-warming for continued prosperity and happiness in their new home.

One of the primary services that a fraternity journal should render to its subscribers is that of circulating the news of the members of the fraternity. Our Journal does not fulfill this mission as well as it could and should, as our "Personals" department is dependent largely upon the active chapter editors who in many cases hear little news of the *alumnæ*, especially those living outside of the college town. Therefore an urgent request is made of the *alumnæ* to send any news concerning either themselves or other *alumnæ*, directly to the Journal editor, thus helping to make this department not only of the more interest but

of real service in keeping the older members in close touch with one another.

It is with great pleasure that Kappa Alpha Theta announces that it is soon to add two new links to its chain of chapters by installing Gamma Chapter at Butler College, Irvington, Indiana, and Alpha Iota Chapter at Washington University, St. Louis. Both initiations will take place early in November.

Mrs. Mary M. Deyett of Shelburne, Vermont, has various back numbers of the Journal which she offers to send to any chapter wishing those copies to complete a file.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Back again, and how good it seems! As the trains hurried us from all parts of the country, our one thought was for Ithaca and Cornell. Thousands of other young people were hastening to their alma maters with just as much eagerness, yet each one felt that his was the best, the only place.

You may not all know that we begin this term's work with two new buildings, the most imposing perhaps on the whole campus. Rockefeller Hall is the new building devoted entirely to the department of physics. To the girls, however, Goldwin Smith Hall has the greatest interest, as all the arts and science subjects are taught there.

Two changes in our chapter membership must be recorded. Sarah Bailey, '09, has left for Smith where she has regularly entered. Helen McFarland, who was out last year, is again with us.

Last term we were glad to welcome to our chapter Miss L. Pearle Green, who came on from Stanford to visit her sister, Mrs. A. W. Smith, wife of the dean of Sibley, the college of engineering. We were much interested in hearing all about our western chapters, Phi in particular.

Later Mrs. Glucksman, formerly Olga Neymann, one of the founders of our Iota chapter, made us a visit, being here for Commencement.

Iota wishes to all chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta a happy reunion and a successful year.

MARY R. PRESTON.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

On the twenty-sixth of September, the first half of the college year began. About one hundred and ten freshmen enrolled on that day; and nearly all of the members of the junior, sophomore and freshman classes of last year are back again.

Thirteen of the eighteen Thetas of last year are re-united this fall. Grace Deane Bellrose, ex-'05, who is now taking up senior work after an absence of two years, saved us from keeping the unlucky number and swells our ranks to fourteen. Of the five who are not with us this year, three were seniors—Ruth Bond, Elizabeth Holmes and Mary Murphy. At Commencement time the first two were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. The others of last year's members not back again are Ella Pine, '08, who is taking a course in domestic science at Simmons College; and Gertrude Gilbert, '09, who has entered the sophomore class at Smith College. We miss them sadly and already are looking forward to the visits which they must surely make Lambda if they are half as anxious to see us as we are to have them with us again.

Of the Commencement events of fraternity interest, there were the annual "June spread" which brought together many active and alumnæ members; and the usual Pan-Hellenic reception given to the faculty, the senior men, and the non-fraternity women. Of general interest to college people was the laying of the corner-stone of Morrill Hall, the new building for the Agricultural department.

The college year is yet so very young, that little but the routine entrance work has been done. On the opening night of college, the annual informal reception was given at Grassmount to the new girls by the Y. W. C. A. Plans

are now being made for the joint reception of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. to welcome the freshman class to this part of college life.

As the Pan-Hellenic association, which met in May, changed asking-day from December fourth to November fifth, the rushing season will be shortened to about seven weeks.

Lambda sends hearty greetings to all her sister chapters and hopes that this may prove to be a year of honor and success for Kappa Alpha Theta in each of her twenty-five homes.

MARY ROBINSON.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Sigma chapter is together again after a glorious four months' vacation, and, as registration day was the first of October, we have scarcely re-accustomed ourselves to the college life. Dear old 'Varsity with its gray walls and creeping ivy never seemed so beautiful as it does in the clear October sunlight, and we feel a thrill of pride in our alma mater. The ladies' rooms and the corridors of the Main building have been enriched by a large number of copies of fine old pictures, brought from abroad before the meeting of the British Medical Association in August, while across the campus rise the white pillars of the handsome new Convocation hall, which was arranged temporarily for Commencement in June, but is now rapidly nearing completion.

Most of the girls are grieving over not having been in town the end of July when Miss Green, Miss Cockins, and her sister, Miss Grace, paid a flying visit to Toronto. The girls who were here are most enthusiastic over the day spent with our sister Thetas, which serves to make us who were not so fortunate more and more disappointed.

The freshman class is very large and we are sure that several girls of '10 will prove themselves of the "Theta type." There has been little rushing done as yet, registration day being barely over, but we are planning that it shall immediately begin in earnest. The chapter now numbers eleven active members. Lee Edward, who graduated in Arts in June, is completing her course in Medicine.

During the next week or two, several social gatherings will be held by the Y. W. C. A., and the "Autumn Tea," the fall reception of the Literary Society, with its decoration of flaming geranium and scarlet ivy, its toasts, and its spirit of true comradeship and jollity, will, according to long established precedent, have an early place.

Considerable interest is felt among the students as to who is to fill the President's chair, now vacant. In the meantime, Principal Hutton is acting President.

With greetings to every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma sends each her best wishes for a happy and prosperous new academic year.

BERTA BASTEDO.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Opportunity—but there! that does not seem like the word to choose to bear from each Chi girl a message of good cheer to every Theta. And yet I believe it would be a beautiful greeting, if I could open the gate and let you look out upon the exquisite mosaic of the path that lies before us this year, studded with golden opportunities. Over the gate are these words: "Behold, I have set before thee a door, opened, which none can shut." If we direct our steps to enjoy these opportunities, we shall always find the door open. But effort is necessary on our part in a constant vigilance and an ever readiness. The test comes in that moment when we have to decide whether we will

pay the price of the opportunity. Perhaps the bit of good luck which you fancy came to a sister, has cost her more than you could have paid. Every opportunity is invaluable; because, if we miss it, it will never come again. Dear girls, for us, this year holds opportunities for lifting up our eyes unto the hills, for radiating a sweeter influence from these little lives of ours; for knowing ourselves better, our limitations as well as our capabilities, that we may avoid mistakes, and "buy up opportunities." So, Chi's dearest wish for every active and alumna Theta, is that she may not miss one golden opportunity this year.

We miss our sisters, Elsie Carter and Amy Quackenbush, whose health will not permit them to continue college work until after a long rest. We welcome back Myra L. Norris, ex-'00, who returns to take her degree this year. So the chapter continues and prospers with this ceaseless change within. Each fall we miss very keenly the presence of the graduates, on whom we had become more dependent than we were aware, but each girl shoulders her share of the responsibility and fills the place waiting for her.

MAUD MERRITT.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Back once more to work and study after our summer vacation! Yet how good it is to see our Theta sisters and hear of the grand times they have had, and perhaps of other Theta girls they have met.

Last spring at the close of college we had our annual house-party at New Hope, and after the strenuous "last days" of Commencement, reveled in the quiet and each other's companionship. We always feel so much closer together after spending a week in "Thetadom."

Swarthmore has this year added many new professors to her faculty, and our new Dean, Miss Meetur, has al-

ready won our hearts. She seems to understand girls so well. On the campus a new engineering building, a professor's house and a large gray stone library, are well on the road to completion. But the most interesting building of all is a curious Egyptian-like temple, that has been erected just northeast of the campus. It belongs to a senior boys' society, called the "Book and Key," and, excepting one at Yale, is the finest of its kind in the country.

The entering class is the largest Swarthmore has ever known, and of the sixty-four girls, an unusually large number promise splendid fraternity material.

Alpha Beta sends greetings and best wishes for a happy and successful year to each and every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

JULIA Y. ATKINSON.

ALPHA DELTA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

We, of Alpha Delta, after our three months' vacation are happily reunited and are looking into the face of the year before us with high hopes and worthy ambitions. We have had our rest and play in the months just passed, now we are back to settle down to work with an earnest purpose and we hope to meet successfully the responsibilities of both college and fraternity.

Let me chronicle a bit of now rather ancient history in our fraternity life, the remembrance of which is dear to everyone of us who was able to attend our annual Theta house-party held on the eastern shore of Maryland the week following Commencement, last June. Seven of the active chapter and five alumnæ spent a week of genuine fellowship together, with plenty of time for swimming, rowing, sailing, tennis and moonlight straw rides. Even now we are looking forward to our June house-party with real enthusiasm.

We keenly feel the absence of Marguerite Cunningham and Mary Virginia Ward, both '10 girls, who were unable to return to college; but we are very happy to have with us again Lucile Locke, Alpha Delta, '07, who attended Barnard College last year, where she affiliated with Alpha Zeta.

Through the generous co-operation of our alumnae we have been able to make several improvements in our "Cozy Corner," which is the nearest approach to a chapter home we are able to have in the dormitory.

The local Pan-Hellenic has named the fifteenth of December as pledge day and has eliminated all rushing until December the third. This seems a long way off to us, as we begin to know the freshmen, but we hope the rather unique plan of rushing which has been adopted will alleviate the harmful effects of long and strenuous rushing.

In closing we wish every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta a most happy and successful year.

ANNA BOEMAN SKINNER.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

Just now we are congratulating ourselves on the successful conclusion of our rushing season, for it has been rather an arduous one. We have pledged ten girls whom we are sure will make strong Thetas.

Our heavy work has not begun yet, but we expect that, when it does, we shall attack it with more energy than ever on account of the improved facilities which we shall have. A new building is being completed for us, and we hope it will be ready for use in November, since we are very crowded. Classes are held in the hall, which does duty for gymnasium, chapel and dances, and in the Dean's private office, which has a very limited seating capacity.

Besides classrooms, the new building will contain a bowling alley, a gymnasium and many other luxuries which we have never had. We are so anxious to watch its progress that we often get in the workmen's way.

We hope that all our Theta sisters will have as pleasant a year as ours promises to be.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Alpha Zeta's first contribution to the yearly journal is always at a disadvantage, because the first chapter letter and the opening of college are coincident and therefore our plans and hopes for the year have had little opportunity to materialize. In addition this autumn we feel very keenly the loss of our Corresponding Editor, Lucile Locke, of Alpha Delta, who spent last winter with us at Barnard and who returned to Baltimore this fall. Notwithstanding these difficulties we have a little budget which we believe will interest all Theta chapters.

In the first place, Alpha Zeta is happy in announcing that she may consider Mary Lipe and Marjorie Harrison, of Alpha Eta, and Evelyn Lucas, of Epsilon, among her members. Already these girls have found their places in the chapter work and play and we may prophesy wisely that their new ideas and methods will be of valuable assistance to us not only in regard to our attitude toward freshmen, but also in broadening our ideals and conceptions of chapter life.

Our next item of interest, of which we write with great satisfaction, is that Barnard possesses, this year, a temporary dormitory, which is the forerunner of the new building, now in process of construction, which will be completed by the fall of 1907. The Barnard Hall of Residence, as the temporary dormitory is termed, comprises the fifth and sixth floors of a new apartment house, situated only

three blocks from college. About thirty-five girls now have rooms that are arranged in a very attractive manner and there is a growing college spirit, which has been fostered by a system of self-government by which the girls of the dormitory may formulate their own rules and regulations. Kappa Alpha Theta is represented there by three girls who are unanimous in their approval of the plan of the new dormitory.

As yet there has been opportunity for the girls to meet only very informally and socially. However, in the department of rushing our work has been active and we may say with certainty that the prospect for the year is encouraging. In this connection, we take pleasure in introducing Cecile Dubuoy, who has recently been pledged to Alpha Zeta.

The Pan-Hellenic regulations at Barnard stand essentially as they were last year: pledge day for freshmen does not occur until April and rushing parties to the freshmen are limited to one a month. In the main these rules are approved, but Alpha Zeta is still of the opinion that an earlier asking day would be more beneficial to fraternity girls and to freshmen.

It may be of interest and perhaps of importance to the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta to know that a new course leading to a degree of Bachelor of Science has been opened to students at Barnard this fall. The scientific departments of Columbia University have an exceptionally high standing in the college world and therefore we feel that this new course offers a great advantage to students who are specializing in science and especially in pure science.

Unbounded success is Alpha Zeta's earnest wish for all chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta during the coming year.

MURIEL VALENTINE, '07.

Beta District

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

To dear Theta sisters, who are scattered all over this broad land of ours, Alpha chapter sends greetings and hopes for a prosperous year.

This year the "halls of old De Pauw" have opened with exceedingly bright prospects. The enrollment having increased almost two hundred over that of last year. Our beloved Dr. Hughes surely has done a great deal for the institution, and this, his fourth year, is more than ever showing the fruits of his earnest efforts. Because of this growth of student body he has been pictured by the college cartoonist like the old dame of nursery lore who had her abode in a shoe.

College opened the twentieth of September, and as yet there have been but few social events. The fraternity spiking question is the most vital one at the present, although the two functions allowed each sorority will come later, one formal, the other informal. The first big event of the year was that of the joint Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. reception given at the President's home. These are always big crushes where seniors, juniors and sophomores meet the freshmen, the main topic for conversation being, "How do you like De Pauw by this time?"

The girls of Alpha have come back twenty-two strong, with the name of a new pledgling to add, that of Jean Allen of Greencastle.

Among the happenings of especial interest to the members of Alpha, this fall, was the short visit we enjoyed from Ruth Baker, '04, on her return from a summer in Germany with Grace Allen, '04, who will remain abroad until spring.

Here's best wishes to all Thetas for the year.

FRANCES WALES.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Although we were all sorry to see the summer holiday come to an end, we are more than glad to be back in college again, and living in our beautiful chapter home. Our chaperon, Mrs. Green, came back a week before college opened, and everything about the house was in order when the girls arrived on Wednesday and Thursday before matriculation.

By our Pan-Hellenic contract this year, we were allowed to pledge at five o'clock on registration day, Tuesday, September 18. Our rushing season opened with an informal dance and spread at the chapter house on Monday evening. This was the only affair given by the active girls before our formal dance on Tuesday evening, when we introduced to the college world our seven pledges: Mary Bailey, Edinburg; Anna Megee, Rushville; Grace Cromer, Anderson; Lucille Compton, Evansville; Hazel Allen and Grace Carson, Huntington; and Hilda Palmer, Monticello. We are very grateful to our alumnae for their assistance during the rush. Mrs. Henry T. Stephenson entertained several of the rushees and a few active girls at dinner on Monday evening; Mrs. B. D. Myers gave a luncheon at her home Tuesday; and we were delightfully entertained by the Bloomington Alumnae Club, on Tuesday afternoon, at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Harry Axtell. We were fortunate in having room in the chapter house for four freshmen, who with the nine upper classmen have settled down for a happy year together.

On Saturday evening, September 29, we used the beautiful initiation service provided for by the 1905 Convention, followed by an initiation banquet to our freshmen and Bloomington alumnae. We were happy to have with us Miss Louise Goodbody, '94, new Dean of Women of Indiana University, who responded to a toast. Mrs. Frank

Holland, '93, toasted "The Neophyte." Our senior representative and toastmistress was Pearl Jones, who talked of "Our Alumnæ;" the junior toast, "From the Superannuated," was given by Alice Booth; the sophomore representative, Lois Perring, toasted "Theta;" and last, but by no means least, was our freshman toast, "We are Seven," by Hilda Palmer.

Indiana University begins the new year with bright prospects. It has a new \$100,000 Student Building, which has been looked forward to for years, especially by the girls of the University. We were very proud last Commencement, when it was dedicated to Mrs. Joseph Swain, '83, of Beta chapter, wife of Dr. Swain, formerly President of Indiana University, now President of Swarthmore. The three principal addresses on the dedication program were given by Thetas, Mrs. Swain, Miss Juliette Maxwell, '83, of Bloomington, and Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, '86, of Indianapolis. The women's wing of the building contains a splendidly equipped gymnasium and swimming pool, besides beautiful parlors and study rooms, and the offices of various college organizations, such as the Y. W. C. A. and the "Woman's League." For some years Maxwell Hall, our library building, has been inadequate to the needs of the University. By next fall, we shall be using our new Library building, which is now being erected. The enrollment of the University this fall is 1490, 130 more than at this time last fall.

Beta chapter sends greetings to all her sister chapters and wishes for each one a most happy and successful year. To our new chapter at Butler College, Irvington, Indiana, we send especial greetings. We of Beta chapter have watched her progress for the two years of her organization, and we are very happy to welcome her to Kappa Alpha Theta.

MARY SNODGRASS.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

It was with much interest and anticipation that we started rushing this year, for the Pan-Hellenic rules, made last spring, went into effect for the first time this fall. It seemed strange at first to have any rules to follow concerning the number of parties, drives, etc., which could be given, but we have become accustomed to the idea, and find it quite acceptable. On the whole the plan seems a successful one, though our opinion on that point will be more definite after pledge day, which will put an end to all present anxiety. We have entertained a number of times since college opened, picnic suppers, and corn roasts seeming to be the most popular form of amusement.

The University is at present occupied with the completion of the library and the erection of a new dormitory for the girls. The fact that the latter will have no porch makes it less attractive, to most minds, but it will be a valuable and beautiful addition to the already charming group of white buildings on the campus.

As to the issue of rushing season, we are of course doubtful, but with hopes for our own success are mingled the most sincere ones for all our Theta sisters, and we wish you all a happy and prosperous year.

EDITH C. LAWRENCE, '09.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Much that is of interest has happened to Eta since the writing of our last letter to the Journal. Our reunion of Eta alumnae in Commencement week was a grand success and how much pleasure we all derived from it, it is impossible even to begin to tell in such a short space. It began on Thursday, June 21, and lasted until Tuesday of the following week. The house was given over to the "old girls"

and we spent many a delightful hour together hearing reminiscences and old experiences. Among the entertainments was a buffet luncheon at the house and an afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry C. Adams, a resident alumna. There were about forty girls back last June and we hope for another reunion in the near future.

After a very pleasant summer, spent at various summer resorts and outing places, our active girls returned to Ann Arbor a week before college opened. And what confusion it made in coming to a new house! But after four days of chaos and cleaning, we managed to get things into running order. We have a splendid house this year, one of the oldest and most homelike residences in Ann Arbor.

Our rushing season turned out to be a most successful one and I take great pleasure in announcing our six new girls: Ethel Obetz and Mary Mulheron, of Detroit; Louise Connor, of Wabash, Indiana; Frieda Reynolds, of Milwaukee; Lucy Harmon of Toledo, and Halle Hills, of Lombard, Illinois.

Mrs. Walker, one of our ladies, entertained us a short time ago at an afternoon tea and we spent another extremely pleasant afternoon at a musical given by Mrs. Brewster, also one of our ladies.

Initiation is not far off and we are all waiting anxiously for all that the date brings with it. Through the medium of the Journal we extend a most hearty invitation to all of our alumnæ, who can possibly come, to be with us then. Eta sends greetings to all new pledges.

JEAN GOUDIE.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The Thetas of Mu have once more gathered in the halls of old Allegheny, full of excitement and pleasure at being together after a long summer, and enthusiastic over the prospect of an interesting and successful year. The

freshman class is large and very promising. A stern and inviolable contract drawn up by the Pan-Hellenic committee has simplified rushing to a great extent. No invitations can be given until October the twentieth, and several regulations govern the entertainment.

Various plans are being made for improvements to the college buildings. Mrs. Cochran, of Dawson, Pennsylvania, has given \$50,000 for the purpose of building a Commons for the college men. At Commencement it was announced that Mr. Carnegie had offered to give \$25,000 for a library endowment fund, provided a like amount could be raised. This requirement has been fulfilled, and \$50,000 will be used for library maintenance. Dr. Jonathan Hamnett, whose long life of ninety years has been so closely connected with Allegheny, through a useful career as professor and librarian, has received a pension from the fund set aside by Mr. Carnegie for the "Advancement of Teaching."

The lower floor of Hulings Hall, the girls' dormitory, has been completely refurnished, and its bright, cheery appearance should certainly be a panacea to homesick girls.

So far as the chapter itself is concerned there have been few social events. During rushing season we are limited to two large functions. Our first of these was given on September the twenty-ninth. A strawride and picnic had been planned but on account of inclement weather, we were forced to seek shelter in a large café at a summer resort near Meadville. The rain took the stiffness from clothes and manners and we had a delightfully informal time.

I feel sure that Thetas in every chapter are beginning work again with renewed strength and vigor. As our minds naturally turn toward the new girls who will be sisters, I can only wish to all chapters a success which in itself means happiness and good will.

AMY V. COURTENAY.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

Rushing seems to be the chief topic on every one's mind, so "let's out with it." Our rushing contract has been so changed that the season now lasts four weeks instead of six. The number of parties allowed each sorority is limited to six, four small and two large ones, with no rushing permitted upon the campus until after three in the afternoon. With these restrictions, rushing assumes a more dignified character.

Last commencement, Edith Bolster was named by the faculty as having highest class honors. She made the fifth valedictorian from Pi chapter in the past seven years, the other two being non-fraternity students. Miss Bolster and Mabel Anthony, also '06, are taking post-graduate work this year.

Next week we shall initiate Genevieve Ranger, daughter of the president of the board of trustees. Miss Ranger not only won highest honors in her class in High School but received the highest grades ever given a student in Battle Creek High School. She has been a Theta pledge for the past two years.

During the summer, Robinson Hall has been thoroughly remodeled and a large addition has been built on the rear.

The late Governor Bliss bequeathed to the college fifty thousand dollars for the Endowment Fund.

On Saturday, October 6, occurs the first football game of the season. All are anxiously waiting to see the game under the new rules and also under the supervision of a new coach, Prof. Chadwick.

In closing, we would say that Pi chapter extends to all Thetas, her best wishes for a successful rushing season.

MYRTLE E. SMITH.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Gamma sends greetings to her Theta sisters and wonders if they are all as happy as she is. The reason for our happiness is, that on the twentieth day of September we pledged six girls of whom we are very proud. Let us introduce to you: Jane Huntington, Florence Huston, Ethel Snyder, Ina McCulley, Louise Groce from Circleville, and Helen Mackall from Barnesville. We now have sixteen in our chapter, which is large for Alpha Gamma.

The only drawback to this year, which has started so happily, is the fact that our four seniors, to whom we had looked for advice and help, are not with us, although fortunately for us, three of them are to be in the city.

I would like to tell you of some of our rushing parties, but it would take too much space. I suppose that they are much the same everywhere. The thing that will change the aspect of rushing altogether is the new girl's dormitory which will be started in a short time. This will result in an increase of good fraternity material.

Several of the Alpha Gamma girls had the pleasure of meeting in various parts of the states, this summer, Thetas from other chapters. They came home and told us that after they had been with these girls a short time, it seemed as if they had known them always.

I sincerely hope that this will be a happy and prosperous year for one and all.

CLARA BROOKS.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

May each and every Theta's plans for her summer vacation have matured in the most charming manner possible! For ourselves, our pleasure was enhanced by a

short visit from a Texas Theta and though she was visiting other people and could give us very little time after we found her, still we saw enough of her to make us wish the novel experience of meeting and knowing a Theta from another chapter could often be repeated. I'm afraid most of you can not understand just how novel the experience is to us, but you must remember, we are one of the most isolated of our chapters, and seldom indeed does another Theta cross our path.

Other pleasures of our vacation were two Theta weddings, and you can imagine how much excitement and interest they aroused, though it takes away to live, two of our best local alumnae.

As for the present and our plans for the future, everything is bright and promising. We have been in college only two weeks and have still a month of rushing before us, but the nicest freshmen are the most sensible and we anticipate no trouble in making them "see things our way."

Here's to the chain of Theta chapters and a successful pledge day for every link. ELISE HANDLY.

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Although we of Zeta chapter, as alumnae members, have not the strenuous life of the rushing season to lead at the beginning of each fall season, yet we have our own tasks to perform, and our work this year is well under way, for our programs for the year are already in the printer's hands.

Our October meeting is "President's day," and is always celebrated with a banquet. This year, it is to be held with Mrs. Cora Campbell at Danville, Indiana, and thirty-five members have already signified their intention of attending.

Zeta is greatly pleased over the unanimous vote of the chapters for the granting of the charter to the girls of Butler College. We are glad to see them now proudly wearing the black and gold, and feel certain that no worthier girls ever wore our beloved colors. We are all looking eagerly forward to the installment of the chapter.

The marriage of Miss Nina Bond to Mr. Charles B. Campbell last June resulted in the loss of one of our girls to the chapter, as her home is now in Kankakee, Illinois.

Another June wedding was that of Miss Irene Berryhill to Mr. Earl E. Young of Anderson, Indiana. Mrs. Young is so near Indianapolis, however, that we are hoping to see her often at our meetings.

Still another wedding—to come—is that of our district president, Miss Emma Virginia Pearson, to Mr. Robert Newcomb Fulton of Littleton, Mass., which is to take place on November the fourteenth. Our pleasure in the happiness of our dear sister is tinged with sadness that we are to lose such a loyal and enthusiastic member.

Zeta extends greetings to all chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, and best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

ALICE TEMPLE DAY.

Delta District

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Delta chapter has started in this year rather weak in numbers, but strong in enthusiasm. The rushees of this fall have been narrowed down to eight or ten very desirable girls, who are being rushed by all of the fraternities. Pi Beta Phi has again entered the four-week contract on the advice of her Grand Convention. Pledge day is October 16, and bids fair to be an exciting time. We have given several functions, among them, a rather unique reception. Three or four of our town girls gave their "at home" on one afternoon, so we took the new

girls to each house, making a sort of progressive affair. Our annual picnic has resulted in a "rained-in" day at the house for the last five years.

The fair weather flag is up to-day, however, and we are watching it expectantly, and are anticipating a hay-ride and beefsteak-fry to-morrow. We expect to be able to announce our pledges for the next Journal, and wish to every chapter as successful a pledge day as Delta is hoping for.

CLARA GRIDLEY.

KAPPA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Although the number of girls back at the opening of the college year was rather small, Kappa chapter has made a very successful beginning. We were fortunate in having three of our old girls here for the first weeks and were much pleased to find our chapter house newly papered and Mrs. Gray again with us as our chaperon.

Although we have had to modify our former policy of no rushing, our entertaining has been very informally done. The local Pan-Hellenic has selected the first Monday after matriculation as pledge day and Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega observed it, but we did not feel that we were well enough acquainted with the new girls to ask them, so we waited until after our annual reception to freshmen. We issued our invitations on Saturday and had pledge service Monday evening, September 24, for Bertha Bowen of Independence, Kansas; Edna Hopkins, daughter of a charter member of the chapter, and Mary Gleed of Topeka; Agnes Uhrlaub of Lawrence, and Mary Clark of St. Joe, Missouri.

The reception for freshman girls was given Saturday afternoon, September 22, and in the evening we received the faculty and their wives. This meeting with the faculty becomes one of the pleasant events of the year since it gives

us such a splendid opportunity for closer acquaintance with our professors.

We were especially honored during our first week of college by visits from two charter members of this chapter, Mrs. Scott Hopkins of Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. Finney of La Junta, Colorado. The enthusiasm with which they greeted each one of our plans and successes made us feel more than ever how truly one is always a Theta.

JESSIE BALDRIDGE.

RHO—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

Doesn't it seem fine to be back in college and to see all the girls again? We have not quite had time yet to get re-acquainted because we could never see each other rushing week as we had to keep the freshmen busy. And now rushing week is over and very successfully, too, for Rho chapter. We have nine pledges who are, of course, the pick of the girls entering college this semester. They are Katherine Cline, Marie Barr, Kate Field, Dorothy Miller and Juliet Atwood, all of Lincoln, Rebecca Baily of Spokane, Washington, Helen Weston of Beatrice, and Mary Bowlby and Mable Dutch of Crete. Although the last two entered the university this fall as seniors, still we count them among the rest as freshmen. The old girls are nearly all back in school with the exception of our three seniors of last year, Martha Cline, Mary Bedwell and Ena Brach and three of the lower classmen, Emma Swezey, Helen Laws and Hazel Dovey. The house is about full now and when a couple of freshmen move in, it will be entirely full. We have a new chaperon this year, Miss Woodford, and as she is a Theta sister and in sympathy with all the girls, everything is going nicely.

The university campus has three new buildings since last fall; the administration building to which all the offi-

ces have been moved so that we were all freshmen when it came to registering; the museum and the temple, a very handsome building which is being erected just across the street from the campus.

A chapter of Alpha Phi was established at Nebraska on October first.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Again the college year has opened at Northwestern and Tau feels very fortunate in having seven active girls back and also in having Agnes Newhall, who was pledged before the rule against taking high school girls was adopted.

This fall a two weeks' rushing contract has been agreed upon. Each sorority is allowed six engagements with a rushee, two of which are drawn on formal dates. The invitations are to be written and mailed all together the evening before pledge day. This contract is a very great improvement upon last year's but still we are not satisfied. Of course we are very busy these two weeks but our alumnæ have helped us very much and are willing and anxious to do even more.

At last Northwestern has a president and we are glad to welcome President Harris as the head of our University. Several changes and improvements have been made on the campus but it is still the same place and we are all happy to be back and are ready to go to work again.

Tau sends greetings to all her Theta sisters and wishes them success during the rushing season.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The college year began very pleasantly for Upsilon, again established in the cosy flat which was our home

last year. With ten loyal girls we entered upon a rushing season which proved to rival those of previous years. To the fraternities already existing, a seventh is now added in the re-establishment of a Minnesota chapter of Pi Beta Phi. The charter was granted during the summer.

The rushing this year made us all feel, more than ever, the need of a fixed pledge day and we hope that some agreement may be reached in the local Pan-Hellenic association by which the present evils of our rushing conditions may be eliminated.

These beautiful fall days have not been void of excitement on the campus. The freshman-sophomore canerush was a legitimate trial of strength between the two classes. Victory fell to the second-year men at the expense of tattered clothes and a few broken windows. For the girls, the Woman's League has planned a delightful reception in the Armory. Each upperclassman has been requested to escort a freshman girl and to make the occasion as pleasant a one as possible for her.

Upsilon sends warmest greetings to all the sister chapters and introduces to them five pledglings: Florence La Vayea, Emily Hyde, and Marian Rickard of Minneapolis, Helen Schutte and Lillian Egerton of St. Paul. We are justly proud of our prospective sisters and feel sure that they will always be worthy representatives of Theta ideals.

EMILY CHILD.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Psi chapter is scattered broadcast over the face of the earth, awaiting, with great anticipation, the completion of the chapter house. We are not, however, entirely separated, for we meet three times a day at the Theta table in Chadborne Hall. It is fortunate, we think, that we have been able to get board in the Hall, because there we can

see more of the non-fraternity girls; then, too, Chadborne is just across the street from *the* house, so that we can see how it progresses from hour to hour, and can watch the effect upon it of the different lights of the day.

Rushing has, naturally, been rather difficult this year, but we were helped greatly by the town *alumnæ*, who very kindly gave us the use of their homes. One of the most successful "stunts" given, was a play, "The College Bachelor," which was written by a senior of last year, Elise Dexter. The other entertainments must have been good, too, for we have eight pledges to introduce: Alice Watson, Helen Dodge, Anna Farwell, Helen Hutchison, Evelyn Abbott, Irma Wahlenburg, Frances Kenney and Edna Hughes. With these freshmen and a new house, we are certainly the happiest chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

This is the season strenuous of freshmen who think 'Varsity the best place ever, and smile at the girls who wear queer little pins, of stove pipes which refuse to stay up, and of furniture groaning beneath the burden of its newness. Quoth the Grecian: "This is rushing."

At Texas it takes the form of open season, no gathering of freshmen larger than three; nor can these be entertained in a chapter house more than three times a week. So far the regulation has proved very successful. Theta has pledged Ethel Sykes, '09, of Galveston, and Marie Streeter, '10, of Waco. The latter is one of the "little sisters" of our chapter. Rushing is at its height now, and we hope to add more members very soon. We are very fortunate in having four of our *alumnæ* as visitors. With the exception of four girls, whom we deeply regret to lose, all of last year's chapter have returned.

September twenty-sixth found all the active chapter and several alumnæ in Austin. For it was on that date that Alma Proctor, '05, was married to Mr. Joe B. Hatchett of Lockhart, Texas, a member of the '02 law class. It was a typical Theta wedding—a Theta home as the scene of the festivities, the wedding march played by a Theta, and the company composed of Thetas and Theta friends. Among the presents were a handsome set of Haviland china, the gift of University hall, and a chest of silver given by the bride's chapter. The ante-nuptial affairs included a buffet luncheon given by Adele Johnson, '06, and a tin shower at the home of Mrs. Windsor of Iota.

The season is too young yet to promote much of that which is termed news. We hope that all Theta sisters have spent a most delightful vacation, and wish each chapter "the best luck ever" for rushing season, and throughout the entire year.

HALLETTE MCPHAIL.

Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Since Phi's last chapter letter a very great deal has happened. To put it in many words would fill volumes, to put it in a few would not convey what it has meant to us, but in any case the conclusion is the same. Without the least effort on our part, we have returned to the normal for after all, falling into the line of old activities is the easiest thing in the world. There are the same classes to go to, the same professors smiling and frowning in the same way, and most of all, there is the same Stanford spirit underlying it all that makes every old student ready to assume his or her share in making Stanford mean what the founders intended it should mean. On everyone's lips you hear, "After all, it is the men and not the buildings that make a university."

A splendid class of freshmen entered Stanford this fall. Perhaps not so many Eastern students came, but that lack has been made up for by the surprising number and quality coming from the Pacific states. It was a good field from which to choose for Theta and we are justly proud of our success. Our pledges are: Florence Burrell, Vita Vincent, both of Oakland, Edna and Maybelle Barlow, Winifred Millsbaugh and Hazel White from Los Angeles, Anna Perring of Palo Alto, and Vera Rippy of Ventura. By our contract, the rushing season this year was three and a half weeks long and restricted as to hours in which rushing should be done and dates made. Looking back upon the way in which the rules worked themselves out, we see plainly we have not yet found the ideal scheme for rushing. With only half the time that last year's contract allotted and the same restrictions, the work of rushing was hard and often very unfair to both the fraternity and the girl. But for all this, the full spirit which has always existed between the women's fraternities at Stanford, was even better this year.

One of the greatest pleasures Phi has had this fall has been to welcome back so many of her older girls. We were fortunate to have Jane Spalding and Mary Graham, our graduates of last spring, back for quite a number of weeks. Commencement exercises were held on September fifteenth for the class of 1906, and at this time we gave our annual Senior breakfast. Among other Theta songs sung at the breakfast were those dedicated especially to our two graduates, songs perhaps with more signs of local color in them than signs of genius, but songs nevertheless that showed all the more clearly because of the fun in them, the Theta love and regret that always underlies Phi's adieu to her seniors.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

This year the opening of college in August was a little different from any other year for so many things had happened since we went to our last recitations on April seventeenth and we had had such a little chance to say good-bye to our friends that we were doubly glad to see them again. Many of us had gone home to houses with chimneys down and plaster cracked, and we marvelled again as we looked around the chapter house, thinking of the fearful shaking and wrenching it had had and yet nothing broken, a chimney cracked, but that was all. We in Berkeley were most fortunate, for the university buildings, even the oldest, were entirely uninjured. When college closed we feared that some of us would be unable to come back, but the opening day found all Thetas here and ready to begin work, especially the work that lay nearest at hand, rushing.

Last year we had tried a rushing season of three weeks and a formal pledge day, but the general opinion was that it made rushing harder and more expensive, so this year the Pan-Hellenic association fixed the opening day of college as asking day thus practically doing away with a pledge day and going back to the old order of affairs. At the end of ten days of easy informal rushing with but one dance and one tea we had seven freshmen pledged: Esther Merrill and Dorothy Hart of Berkeley; Irene Bangs of Oakland; Leila Lindley of Sacramento; Edith Slack of San Francisco; Dorothy Moore and Frances Gill of Portland, Oregon. Soon after all the freshman were pledged we had one of the blessed fall holidays, Labor day, and we celebrated by refraining from all labor and taking our lunch into the hills, spending the day walking and lying under the cool shade near a little creek. We always try to go for a picnic every fall for it gives a chance for the

freshmen to know the chapter in a more natural way than is possible during rushing season.

On Saturday evening, September twenty-second, we held our initiation and were glad to have with us two of the charter members of this chapter and many of our more recent alumnæ to whom we might introduce our freshmen.

Those of us who are seniors had another chance to meet our alumnæ this fall. There is an association of Omega alumnæ that meets annually and discusses what can best be done to help the active chapter, discusses over and over again plans for building a chapter house, for some day Omega is going to build a house and our loyal and devoted alumnæ are trying to make it possible by raising a fund that in time will be large enough to purchase a lot. In spite of these weighty matters the alumnæ have a very good time at these meetings. A roll is called and different ones tell about the absent members, some in the east, some abroad, and one in far away China.

Of course everyone is always interested in football during the fall term. This year we are all learning to know and to like a new game for Stanford and the University of California have abolished inter-collegiate football and in its place substituted Rugby. There is a great deal of excitement over class games for each class has its team, and the seniors and freshmen are to contest for championship of the college this week. Then the freshman game with Stanford will soon take place and a month later the greatest event of all, the big game with Stanford, is to be held on our campus.

Last year, symphony concerts under the direction of Professor Wolle, head of the new department of music, were given in the Greek theatre more or less as an experiment. This year the second series is taking place, no longer as an experiment for they have proved their right to be regarded as a permanent undertaking of the Univer-

sity, because not only are many of the students availing themselves of the privilege to hear really good music, but also many people from San Francisco and the surrounding towns.

Many of the chapters have not yet had their pledge day, to them Omega wishes much good luck, and to all of the new Thetas she sends congratulations and heartiest greetings.

MARGERY LYNCH.

PERSONALS

Iota

Juliet S. Crossett was married to Arthur Webster Kent, June 16th, at Warsaw, N. Y.

C. Mabel Hornbrook was married, June 14, to Charles Sunderland Johnson. They will make their home in La Grange, Illinois.

A son was born to Mabel Dobbin Bailey, December 26, 1905.

Miss Ethelyn Binkley, '02, was married on April 28, to Mr. Aubrey Lee White. Their wedding trip was taken abroad.

Mrs. Thomas, one of our faculty Thetas, has a young son, Rosco.

Mrs. Lyons, the wife of one of our new faculty members, is a Theta from Rho. We are happy to welcome her among us.

Miss Abbie Potts, '06, is teaching in Albany.

Isabel Robertson, '02, was married to Mr. Thatcher, of Brooklyn.

Miss Susan Moses is teaching in Rochester.

Adelaide Taber Young was married to Dr. Farnham H. Thaw, December 28th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Harper, a son, June 22, 1905. Mrs. Harper was Alice L. Dickinson, ex '01.

Lambda

At the annual Julia Spear Prize Reading, held May first, in which five chosen women of the freshman and sophomore classes took part, Lucy Bean, '08, and Gertrude Gilbert, '09, received first and third prizes respectively.

Elizabeth Holmes, '06, is preceptress at Montpelier Seminary, Montpelier, Vermont.

Ruth Bond, '06, is teaching in People's Academy, Morrisville, Vermont.

Mary Murphy, '06, is at her home this year in West Rutland, Vermont.

Helen Hodge, ex-'03, and Hattie Hodge, '03, are taking courses in Teacher's College, New York City.

Mary Wheeler, ex-'06, and Kenneth Hosmer were married in June of this year. They are living in Burlington, Vermont.

Fanny Atwood, '00, was married to Glenn C. Gould, U. V. M., '01, Phi Delta Theta, June 30, 1906. They have apartments at The Colonial, Brattleboro, Vermont.

Mary Mills Deyett, '86, is the principal of Shelburne High School, Shelburne, Vermont.

Harold Nelson, the four-months' old son of Prof. and Mrs. E. C. Jacobs, (née Mable Nelson, '98) died in the early part of August.

Helen Thompson, ex-'00, is studying in Germany this year.

Sigma

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bertram, (Ruth Cameron, '03) on August 10th, a son.

Norah Thomson, '04, has gone abroad for a year's study at Oxford.

Margaret Anderson, '07, has returned from a four months' vacation in England, Scotland and Wales.

Mabel Steele, '07, was traveling in England and Scotland during the summer.

Evelyn Ward, '05, was in Toronto for a few days in July.

Constance Lewis, ex-'07, was in Toronto for the summer, but is now at her home in Dayton, Ohio.

Daisy Crampton, '04, is again teaching at Caldwell College, Kentucky. It was pleasant to see her in Toronto for a few days this summer.

Chi

Last May, Mabel Northrup, '98, entertained informally at her home in the city both the active and alumnæ chapters.

Wedding bells have rung within our chapter thrice this year, when Gertrude Kemp, ex-'04, was married to Harry R. Templeton, Phi Kappa Psi, S. U., and Marion Brown, ex-'03, to John W. Butterfield, of Philadelphia, and Amy B. Bates, ex-'07, to George W. Stark, Phi Delta Theta, S. U. All of the chapter who were able to remain for Commencement, had the pleasure of attending Sister Amy's beautiful church wedding.

At our alumnæ banquet was announced the engagement of Luella Clark Miller, '06, to Rev. Edwin Taylor Iglehart of Tokio, Japan.

Our guest of honor at the alumnæ banquet was Miss Pearle Green. Chi girls were happy to have her visit us.

Harriet Disbrow, ex-'06, and Laura Baldwin, ex-'06, returned to enjoy the commencement of their own class.

Grace Nancy Baird, '04, was with us in June for a few days. Grace sails for China October 20, to become the wife of Roscoe Hersey, our University representative at Tien Tsin. Chi's dearest wishes shall follow Grace.

Two of our sisters, Beatrice Cooper Throop, '04, and Maude Millington, ex-'05, though in different parties, spent the summer traveling through Europe.

Of our '06 sisters, four are teaching: Flora Anderson at Roxbury, N. Y.; Clara Carson at Manlius, N. Y.;

Beulah B. Throop at Oneonta, N. Y.; Mabel Wombough in the State Normal School at Brockport, N. Y. Luella Clark Miller is at home, expecting to sail for Japan in the spring. Mary Ellen Blair spent the summer in California, and is now visiting in the east.

In September, Mrs. Maud Miller House and Mrs. Suzanne Sands Imperatori visited at the chapter house.

The active chapter was entertained by a cross-country stroll and evening dinner at the home of our sister, Virginia Emmons, at Manlius, N. Y., on September 29.

Janet N. Harris, '01, spent last year abroad enjoying a scholarship at Heidelberg. This year she has won another honor, a scholarship for graduate work at Columbia.

Last June, Mary Ellen Blair was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Alpha Beta

Caroline Farren Comly was married on September 27th to Edson Harris, Delta U, '02.

Mary B. Cranston, '06, Mary T. Janney, '06, and Emilie Hill, '06, are teaching this year.

Elizabeth Booth, '03, Alice Sullivan, '04, Anna Wolff, '04, and Caroline Washburne, '06, spent this summer abroad.

Madeline Morrison, ex-'08, is a special student in English at Radcliff.

Marjory Matthews returned home September 10th, after having spent a year on the continent.

Marian Comly, '06, is studying for her master's degree in German, at Swarthmore.

Elizabeth Miller Nevin, '95, has a little son.

Alpha Delta

Ida Evans, '02, was married at her home in Easton, Pa., to Dr. Lewis Clyde Bixler on Wednesday, the nineteenth of September. Dr. and Mrs. Bixler will reside at 216 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburg.

Vera McCabe, '05, will be married October the tenth, to Mr. Milton Lochwood Neely of Lima, Ohio.

Ruth Haslup, '03, has accepted a position in the High School at St. Michaels, Md.

Nell and Minnette Miller, former members of '06 in the Woman's College of Baltimore, graduated from the University of California last spring. Nell is taking the nurses' training course at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Minnette is teaching in the High School at Ford City, Pa.

Florence Walther, '04, visited several Alpha Delta alumnae in Pittsburg during December.

Mary Adams, '06, spent several days in Baltimore during the opening week of college.

Page Dame, '06, is taking the nurses' training at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Marguerite N. Cunningham is taking a course in domestic science at Downer College, Milwaukee.

Alpha Epsilon

Hope Davis is teaching in Barre, Vermont.

Flora Cotton is teaching in Reading, Mass.

The engagement is announced of Maud Warren, '02, to Warren Wilmarth, Brown, '02, Chi Phi.

Harriet Stevens was married to the Rev. Alonzo E. Murphy, on September 27.

Ethel Rich, '03, was married to Frederick Savage, Brown, '05, Phi Delta Theta, on September 15.

Alpha

Margaret Tribolet, '06, is teaching history in the Bluffton High School.

Elizabeth Garrison, '08, is in Glendale, Wis., teaching school.

Hattie Riley, '08, enters Winona Technical School, library department, October 10.

Nell Walker, '03, is Latin and German instructor in the Union City High School.

Jess Riley, '08, has charge of the third grade at St. Paul, Indiana.

Grace Walker, '05, is an assistant in the public library in Indianapolis.

On October 10th took place the wedding of Vera McCabe and Milton Neeley, Phi Kappa Psi.

The wedding of Edith Walker, '04, to Ralph Voris occurred at Anderson, June 19. Their home is now in New York City where Mr. Voris is in Y. M. C. A. work.

Edith Ravenscroft was married to Lawrence Ellis, June 26.

The wedding of Irene Berryhill to Earl Young occurred, June 21.

Alice Ames Cox was married to Mr. E. L. Davis of Mayfield, Ky., June 5.

Beta

Edith Alexander, '06, is teaching History in Anderson.

Mary Hamilton, '06, is the Latin teacher in the Monticello High School.

Mayme Swindler, Bloomington, Ind., who took her A. B. in 1905, and her M. A. in 1906, has a scholarship

this year at Bryn Mawr, where she is working for her doctor's degree.

Laura Shryer, who is teaching in Terre Haute, will return at the winter term to graduate with her class, '07.

Mary Hicks, ex-'08, of Bloomington, is attending the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Ruth Keltner, ex-'09, is teaching in Anderson, Ind.

The engagement of Athol Foote, ex-'08, of Huntington, Ind., to Leonard Todd, Sigma Chi, of Bloomington, has been announced. The wedding will take place during the holidays.

We had as visitors during the rush Carrie Stout of Paoli, Athol Foote of Huntington, and Pearl Kitchen of Rushville.

Almana Beebe, '05, of Fort Wayne, is teaching Latin in Manual Training High School, Indianapolis.

Ethel and Norine Rogers of Cincinnati, Ruth Keltner and Edith Alexander of Anderson were present at our initiation, Saturday, September 29.

The engagement of Margaret Davidson of Evansville, to Harry Johnson, Beta Theta Pi, of Bloomington has been announced. The wedding will occur October 31, after which they will spend several months in travel abroad. They will be at home in Bloomington sometime in January.

Maude Cromer, '05, of Anderson, has announced her engagement to J. Don Miller, Sigma Chi, '04, of Anderson. She is at present teaching in Anderson.

Geraldine Sembower, '05, is teaching in Garrett, Ind.

Stella Peede, M. A., '05, is teaching Latin in the High School of Goshen, Ind.

Juliet Crittenberger, '07, and Mary Snodgrass, '07, who have been teaching during the past year, have returned to school.

Genevieve Brown, '07, of Monticello, who has been at the Western College, Oxford, Ohio, for two years, has returned to graduate here.

Pearl Cassell, '03, of Vincennes, is teaching in the High School at Seattle, Washington.

Clara Lewis, ex-'07, sailed for Europe September 1, to be gone two years. She will spend the winter in Venice and Vienna.

We feel keenly the absence of Ruth O'Hair of Brookville, whose father died during the summer. We expect to have her with us again next year.

Ina Cockill, '09, is teaching this winter at Pendleton, Ind., but will return to college for the spring term.

Ruth Woodsmall, '05, at Indiana University, took her A. B. at Nebraska University, '05, and her M. A. at Wellesley, '06. She is teaching this winter in the Ouray, Colo., High School.

Born to Helen Hill Adams ex-'05, of Vincennes, Ind., a daughter.

Edna Johnson, '98, of Richmond, Ind., sailed for Europe, June 30. She will spend a year or two there in study and travel.

Margaret Snodgrass, '04, and Edistina Hendrix, '06, are teaching in the High School at Broad Ripple, Ind.

Epsilon

Laura E. Anderson, '06, is teaching in Albany College, Albany, Oregon.

Helen Jane Butterfield, '06, is teaching in the public schools in Piqua, Ohio.

Mary McClelland, '06, is at home this winter at 65 Le Moyne Avenue, Washington, Pa.

Evelyn Lucas, ex-'09, enters Barnard College this fall.

Florence B. Patterson, ex-'08, spent a few days with us during rushing week.

Molly Kemy, ex-'09, will spend this winter at home in Mansfield, Ohio, taking the Kindergarten training.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hickoc, on July 12, 1906, a son, Thomas Anderson Hickoc. Mrs. Hickoc was Grace Anderson, '00.

Hazel Emery, Ex-'07, is at home this winter in Kenton, Ohio.

The engagement of Josephine Taylor, '01, to Rev. Fred Slagle of Milwaukee, has been announced.

Margaret Marquise, ex-'09, has a position in the Court House at her home in Lisbon, Ohio.

Caroline McCulloch, ex-'05, has issued invitations for her marriage to John Spencer, Beta Theta Pi for October 17, 1906.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Margaret Platter, '97, to Lester Brown, '94.

Laura Fulton, '05, is teaching in the High School at New London, Ohio.

Blanche McClelland, '96, has announced her engagement to the Rev. Mr. Marshall of Louisville, Ky.

Ruth Bogardus, '02, has been appointed Latin professor in the University of Wooster, during the absence of Professor Notestine.

Inez Kinney, '93, has been chosen Y. W. C. A. secretary for the State of Ohio.

Eta

Anna Drummond, '03, who has been secretary to dean Holgate at the University of Illinois, is to be at Lewis Institute this year. She will assist Mr. Lewis Gustafson in the English department, and also in his capacity as registrar of the Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gustafson, (Irene Baker), have a little son, John Kyle.

Mamah Borthwick Cheney and Martha Chadbourne Brown have been on the coast of Maine all summer with their five children.

Charlotte Greist was at her home in Westfield, Conn., for a short time this summer, then went down to Maine for a few weeks. She has now returned to Paris, where she will continue her study for another year.

Clara Dean is to be married in Ann Arbor, October tenth, to Mr. Joseph Scoville.

Married, Margaret Jones, '01, to Mr. Edward Nutting, U. of M., '00. Mr. Nutting is superintendent of schools in Moline, Illinois.

Frances Boynton, M. D., '03, is at the Orthopedic Institute in New Haven, still enjoying her work with Prof. Anderson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stanard Baker (Jessie Beal) a daughter, Rachel, June 28.

Irene Blanchard, '98, spent the spring in Greece and Italy, and the summer in Germany, Switzerland, France and England. By chance she met Katherine Viet, '00. Irene is at the state Normal, in Normal, Illinois.

Louise Gibbs is an enthusiastic westerner. She is teaching Mathematics in Prescott, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walzer (Grace Moore) visited her in September.

Mrs. Baron, nee Lee Bird, is now living at 4 Abercom Place, St. John's Wood, London.

Alice Wadsworth is now teaching in the Evanston High School.

Charlotte Walker, '00, is teaching in the New Trier High School, near Chicago.

Married, Florence May Lyon and Strong Vincent Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Norton make their home in Akron, Ohio.

Ruth Lowe, ex-'08, was married to Mr. George Woods of Ann Arbor on September 5th.

Helen Post, '03, announced her engagement at the Eta luncheon in Chicago last September, to Mr. Walter Steele of New York City.

Nan Mulheron, '06, is in Cleveland where she has a position as librarian in the High School.

Esther Harmon, '06, who was given a scholarship last year, is doing graduate work at Bryn Mawr.

Helen Mead, '07, is with us again after a fine year at Bryn Mawr.

Grace Holmes, '06, is teaching in her home town, Kenton, Ohio.

Bernice Bond, '06, who announced her engagement last spring, is at home this winter in Austin, Ill.

Mrs. Myra Post Cady and Jessie Obetz, ex-'08, of Detroit, were with us a few days during rushing season.

Mary Jane Haskin, ex-'09, and Charlotte Bissell, '03, spent last Sunday with us.

Bess Cantwell, ex-'06, is going to spend the winter in Berlin.

Clara Dean, who though never initiated, has always been very deeply interested and active in Eta affairs, was married Wednesday, October 10th, to Mr. Jonah Scoville. They will live in Ann Arbor.

Janet Goudie, '04, is teaching in Ironwood this year.

Regina Kingman, ex-'07, is teaching in Battle Creek, her home town.

Annie White is at her home this winter, teaching music.

Ma

Ethel Canfield, '06, is teaching in the High School at Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Effie Milliren, '06, has a position as teacher in the schools of Kane, Pa.

Margaret McLaughlin, '05, was married in August to Mr. William McQuiston, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They are living in Palmyra, Ohio.

Lettie Johnson, '05, is doing social settlement work in Baltimore, Maryland.

Bess Burnham, ex-'05, is at a library school in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Edna Gailey, ex-'05, was married, in July, to Mr. Charles Spence Calvert of Pittsburgh.

Jennie Brawley was married, in June, to Mr. Ernst of Seattle, Wash. She had a real Theta wedding. The active girls formed an archway of carnations for the bride to pass through, and the bride stood under a bell made of pansies.

Julia Heibel, ex-'08, is teaching at Warren, Pa.

Bess Dutton, '03, is instructor of music in the schools at Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Pi

Mrs. Fred Northwood (Emma Osborne, '00) and young son have been visiting her mother in Albion.

Pearl Jones, '01-'03, of Remington, Indiana, spent June 22 with us.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Everett (Belle Blowers) of 253 Logan Square, Philadelphia, a son.

Ethel Cole, who is now living in Detroit, is attending school there.

Gertrude Kamps, '05, has been obliged to resign her position in the Williamston High School, on account of illness. Inez Croman, '05, has a position in the same school.

Clara Shaffer leaves soon for an extended visit in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Ruth Haller, '06, of Ann Arbor, is attending the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Harold Haywood (Olive Hull, '89) spent the first week of October with Albion friends.

Among those who attended the alumnæ reunion of Pi chapter in June were Mrs. R. A. Raymond (Mary Garfield, '94), Saginaw, Mich.; Mrs. John Sandon (Marian Hathaway, '93), Addison, Mich.; Mrs. Frank Gill (Minnie Thompson, '96), Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. H. H. Martin (Edith Valentine, '94), La Porte, Ind.; Mrs. Warren Wright (Agnes Graves), Battle Creek, Mich.; Josephine Woods, '97, West Branch, Mich.; Gertrude Kamps, '05, Zeeland, Mich.; Genevieve Pope, '05, Monroe; Jeannette Campbell, '05, Charlevoix, Mich., and Iva Barber, of Fennville.

Genevieve Pope, '05, has accepted a position in the Monroe High School for this year.

Alpha Gamma

Cornelia Miller's engagement to Claude Dietrich, Delta Tau Delta, is announced.

Catherine Early is to be married in January to Alvin Bonnett, Phi Delta Theta.

The engagement of Gertrude Bellows to Howard Auld, of the firm Auld and Company, is announced.

Catherine Andrews has announced her engagement to Dr. Carl Gay, professor of Animal Husbandry at Ohio State. The wedding is to take place in December.

Alice Marsh, '06, is teaching in Greenville.

Edna Hoover has announced her engagement to Ned Morrison of Boston, Mass.

Alpha Eta

On June 15, Louise Wilson, '05, was married to Dr. George H. Widenor, of Franklin, Ky., where they will make their future home.

On Sept. 26, Martha Maney, '03, was married to Mr. Thomas Maslin of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They will go there to live after an extended wedding trip.

Mirea Mason, M. A. '06, is teaching in Fayette, Mo. Her sister Annie remains in British Honduras this winter.

Flora Steele is teaching at Cleveland, Tenn., and Elizabeth Adams is in Jackson, La., in the same occupation.

Mary Lipe and Marjorie Harrison have entered Barnard College.

Clara Smith has charge of a school in Martin, Tenn., this year.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Kip will travel in the East this fall and early winter, returning before the beginning of the second term when Dr. Kip resumes his work at the university.

Delta

Florence Pitts, '04, and Ino Lapham, '06, are spending the winter abroad.

Isabel Staley, '03, has announced her engagement to Alfred Dauley, Sigma Chi. The wedding is to occur October 10.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Adsitt (née Louise Jones) a boy, September 27.

We are fortunate in having with us this year Miss Eno, from Lambda.

Mrs. Karsten, the wife of the new professor of modern languages of the University of Illinois, is a Theta of Beta chapter.

Alice Pitts, a pledge from Eta, also a Delta sister, is with us this year.

We are very glad to have Helen Taylor, '02, and Emma Bullard, ex-'07, with us this week.

Leonora Lucas, ex-'09, is studying in Switzerland.

Emma Ody Pohl is now director of physical training in the public schools of Greenville, Miss.

Kappa

Helen M. Perkins of Cleveland, Ohio, announced her engagement to Mr. Roy Cool, an Alpha Tau Omega from Western Reserve University.

Vera Hull, '05, returned from Europe on August 28. Before going to her home in Wichita, Kansas, she spent a few weeks in the mountains of Vermont and also visited in Lawrence.

Helen Alder, '06, is attending the School of Domestic Science in Boston, Mass.

Hedwig Berger, '06, has a position as instructor of English in the Manual Training High School, Kansas City, Mo.

Gertrude Reed, '06, is instructor of Latin in the High School at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Anna Harrison and Alwina Wilhelmi spent the summer in Europe.

Rho

Jeannette Post, '03, and Allan Sedgwick, Phi Kappa Psi, were married Sept. 5.

Ena Brach, '06, is teaching school in Loup City, Nebraska.

Nell Randall, '99, is taking post-graduate work this semester in the university.

A son was born to Mrs. J. P. Sedgwick on Sept. 24.

Nellore Wilson, '04, is teaching at Mills College, near Oakland, Cal.

Tau

Ruth Dale is teaching in Whiting, Ind.

Ruth Neely returns to graduate at Wellesley.

Nettie Isom has entered Wellesley.

Leila Thistlewood is teaching in Park Ridge, Ill.

Mrs. Herta Curme Davis is visiting in Evanston.

Mrs. Virginia Miller Gazlay is now living in Chicago.

Mary Gloss and Lulu Berkey spent the summer together in Gloucester, Mass. While there they frequently saw Grace Havens Holmes and Anna Johnson.

Prof. Oldfather, registrar of Northwestern, and Mrs. Oldfather (Agnes Giboney) are abroad on leave of absence for a year.

Leone Gould and Agnes Hayden spent the summer at Castine, Maine.

Alta Miller and her mother have gone abroad for a year, where Alta will study vocal music.

Married, on August 27, Irene Parkes to Rev. Philip Frederick Matzinger, '98, Princeton, who is pastor of the Campbell Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago. They sailed September 4 for Japan, China and India and will return in January via the Mediterranean.

Mary Ross Potter, dean of women at Northwestern, spent the summer on Lake Geneva.

Married, Adelaide Lewis to Harry Heffrin of the University of Western Pennsylvania.

Ruth Ray is living in East Orange. She has a church choir position, and will study with Walter Damrosch this winter.

Upsilon

Our graduates of last June were Ruth Haynes, Genevieve Jackson and Adelaide Lamphere. Ruth Haynes is at home this year, Adelaide Lamphere is teaching in Moorhead

and Genevieve Jackson is occupying the position of society editor on the Tribune staff. She is living in Minneapolis with her sister Mrs. Burch.

Claire Vidger, ex-'07, is in Minneapolis conducting a kindergarten.

Alice Jackson Wheaton, '03, a bride of last spring, will be at the Groveland Apartments this winter.

Florence Pond, Tau, ex-'07, who attended National Park Seminary last year, will be at home this year.

Louise Chapman, '08, is now living in Chicago where her family moved this fall.

Alma Pennock, ex-'07, has been in the east where she visited Chi chapter.

Emily Leonard, ex-'07, is taking the kindergarten course in Boston.

Miss Filtan, Kappa, spent a day in Minneapolis this fall.

Fannie Sawyer, '00, was married on May 12 to Mr. Benjamin W. Cowperthwait of Faribault, Minn.

On August 22 occurred the wedding of Katharine Stoughton and Mr. Charles Allen Hart of St. Paul.

Joyce Broady, Rho, was visiting at Bald Eagle during the vacation and attended a summer chapter meeting of Upsilon.

Mrs. Harry White, née Sophie Pendergast, has moved to 10 Charles St., Quissett, Mass.

Mrs. W. H. Davis, née Grace Walther, is now living at 336 Cabot St., Newtonville, Mass.

Charlotte Hall, of Honolulu, has been visiting in Minneapolis. She will spend the winter in the east.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker, née Lulu Ridgway, a daughter.

Psi

Evelyn Johnson, '03, was married this summer to James McFarland, Kappa Sigma.

Married, Katharine Button, '02, to Dr. Payne.

Winifred Smith, '00, was married to Mr. John Fruit, of Wheaton, Ill.

Winifred Sercombe has returned to the Philippines, where she expects to teach.

Blanche Fridd, '06, is teaching in the Normal School at Valley City, North Dakota.

Elise Dexter, '06, is teaching in the Oconomowoc high school.

Mary Alice Sands, '06, is spending the winter in Los Angeles.

Marjorie Daw Johnson, '06, is studying for two years in Europe.

Isabelle Godwin, '06, is the head of the Latin and German departments in the Elroy High School.

Ellen Huntington, Delta, has been abroad all summer.

Alpha Theta

Katharine Petty, '04, was married to Mr. Cates Ford of Orange, Texas, on April 26.

Alma Proctor, '05, was married to Mr. Joe B. Hatchett of Lockhart, Texas, on September 26. Mr. Hatchett is a member of the '02 law class.

Lily Bess Campbell, M. A., '06, is living in Oxford, Ohio, and is taking a special course at Miami.

Emma Greer, '05, Mrs. Herman Goldschmidt, '03, Mrs. Cates Ford, '04, and Hazel Ransome, ex-'08, were visitors in the Theta household during rushing season.

Jean Mateer, '09, spent the summer in Cloudcroft, Mexico.

Emma Greer, '05, and Emmie Fountain, '07, were visitors on the Texas coast during their vacation.

Mrs. C. A. Preston, née Birdie Jagoe, '04, has a little son, born on August 10.

Willie Davis spent a most delightful vacation in Kentucky.

Minnie Williams, '06, and Linna Williams, ex-'08, will spend the winter at their home in Greenville.

We are glad to number Adele Johnson, '06, among our resident Thetas, although she will not be in the University this year.

Phi

Frances Lois Kerr, '04, was married to Mr. David C. Cook, Jr., on the nineteenth of September at Tropic, California.

Clara Stevenson, '04, and Genevieve Chambers, '03, returned in June from a five months' trip to Japan.

Among girls now out of college who have been visiting Phi for a short while are Jane Spalding, '06, Genevieve Chambers, '03, Clara Stevenson, '04, Mary Graham, '06, Mabel Ray, '05, Edith Miller, ex-'06, Carolyn Fowle, ex-'06, Marian Walsh, Omega, ex-'07, Ada Taylor, ex-'06.

Mary Moore visited us for a few days on her way from the East.

Grace Barnhisel Hudson visited us for a few days.

Winifred Caldwell Whittier was at Stanford for a week or so.

Maida Rossiter, Cornell '03, is living with us, since her family has gone to Pasadena for the winter.

Mabel Ray, '05, will spend the winter in Chicago with her aunt, Mrs. Whittier.

Susan Kingsbury, professor of history at Simmons College, Boston, visited Phi for a week soon after the opening of college.

Born to Margaret Deming Mahoney, '99, a daughter, at Loraine, Ohio.

Sara Reid Park Beebe, '04, is now in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Inez Perring, Indiana, ex-'06, who has been spending the past year with her aunt in Palo Alto, has returned to her home in Bloomington, Ind.

Born to Dorothea Roth Heinemann, '00, a daughter.

Mabel Packard spent the summer in Europe.

Omega

Nell Miller, '06, an affiliate from Alpha Delta, has entered Johns Hopkins nurses' training school.

Minnette Miller, '06, is teaching in the high school in Pittsburg, Penn.

Mary Gilbert, '06, who visited the chapter in August, has returned to her home in Ben Lomond.

Helen Parker, '06, who spent the summer in Texas, is now in her home at Vacaville.

Edith Evans, '04, is teaching in the Oakland High School.

Elizabeth Arneill, '04, is teaching in the Ventura High School.

Agnes Arneill, ex-'03, is visiting in Denver.

Ethel Richardson, '05, is assistant to the dean of the women, University of California.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bartlett (Mary Olney, '95), a daughter.

The engagement is announced of Edna Wild, '04, to Edwin Hill Brooks, '04, Delta Upsilon.

The engagement is announced of Irene Taylor, '02, to Arthur Heinemann of Los Angeles.

The engagement is announced of Elsie Burr, '00, to Professor H. W. Overstreet, Beta Theta Pi.

Florence V. Wilson, '07, who spent last year traveling in Europe, is back at college.

Ruth Wilder, '00, is living in the chapter house this year.

The engagement is announced of Ednah Harmon Wickson to William F. Kelly of Oakland.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

Delta Gamma installed a chapter at the University of Illinois on May 12th. The initiation took place at the Theta house.

Chi Omega entered the University of Colorado, at Boulder, on September 3d.

Kappa Alpha has established a chapter at Washington University, St. Louis.

Sigma Chi entered the University of Montana in September.

Delta Tau Delta announces the re-establishment of its Nu chapter at Lafayette College, on June second.

The Semi-Centennial national convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, December 26-28.

The next biennial national convention of Phi Delta Theta will meet in Washington, November 26 to December 1.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was incorporated on March 9, under the laws of the State of Illinois.

Pi Beta Phi has created three scholarships, one for graduates and two primarily for undergraduates.

Sigma Nu has 1,100 alumni subscribers to her magazine and Phi Kappa Psi boasts 1,400.

Denver is as far west as any college fraternity national convention has been held. Beta Theta Pi met there in July. The Denver alumni raised \$2,000 to be turned into the fraternity treasury to pay the additional railroad expenses of the delegates, which would be incurred in traveling to that city instead

of a more centrally located place. Phi Kappa Psi has decided to go there in 1908. The statement being made that it would cost the fraternity \$1,500 more to go to Denver than to Chicago, the Denver alumni guaranteed to pay half of that amount into the general treasury and Mr. G. W. Dun, of Columbus, the other half.

A member of Delta Tau Delta gave a diamond pin to be raffled for the benefit of their endowment fund.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi prints a list of Phi Psis included in the last edition of "Who's Who in America." There are 263 in the list which is in the proportion of one in sixty.

The trustees of Wofford College at Spartanburg, South Carolina, have decided to abolish fraternities at that institution. Chapters now in existence will be allowed to continue until their last man has graduated, but are henceforth forbidden from taking any new members. Six fraternities are represented at Wofford.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has published the first volume of a yearly series, each containing in letter form, a review of the year, at each of its sixty-seven chapters, with general information in each case regarding the several universities and the local fraternity situation. Included in the book are rolls of all chapters, arranged by classes and giving the present address and occupation of every living member.

The British Medical Association held its meeting at Toronto University in August. The number of members registered was nineteen hundred.

Through the generosity of F. Augustus Heinze, the copper king, a member of Phi Delta Theta, the chapter at Columbia has been able to secure a \$45,000 home near the University.

Indiana is the only State in the Union that has a solid delegation of college-bred men in both houses of Congress.

New York Alpha of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has voted to impose a fine of ten dollars on every old member not back in Ithaca by September 15th, the beginning of the rushing season. The University opens about the 25th.

The San Francisco fire destroyed two of the finest college annuals of the year: the Stanford Quad and the California Blue and Gold. Of the former, a few proof sheets which were in the editor's hands remain. The Blue and Gold was in the bindery, and a single copy had been completed and delivered to the editor at Berkeley. Naturally it is now priceless.—Caduceus.

President James called a meeting of all the fraternity men in the University, and laid before them a plan for holding a national fraternity convention at Urbana next year. Each fraternity represented here has appointed a representative, and from these a committee has been selected to make the necessary arrangements. The purpose of the convention will be to discuss fraternity problems and take such action as will promote the best interests of fraternities in general.—From the Illinois Letter in the Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The article entitled "Good and Evil of College Fraternities" which appeared in *The Independent*, October 5, 1905, and which was reprinted with editorial comments in *The Scroll* for December, has been republished in full also in the *S A E Record* and the *Beta Theta Pi*, and in part in several other journals. At the author's request *The Independent* did not give his name, but we are now permitted to announce that the article was written by Bro. W. A. Curtis, Wisconsin Alpha, '89. As we said in December, we consider it the best dissertation on the influence of college fraternities that we have ever read. *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

The disastrous fire of the spring of 1905 at Vanderbilt University, which destroyed the main building, the library, the chemical laboratory and a valuable art collection, has resulted in a Greater Vanderbilt. Professors and students who were forced last year to work in over-crowded class rooms have returned to find a main building almost restored and the lab-

oratory fully equipped again. Firman Hall, the magnificent new science building, is rapidly nearing completion and the librarians are hard at work restoring order among the books. The art collection, which was the personal property of one of the professors, a "Theta husband" by the way, is, of course, an irreparable loss. It is to be hoped the impetus thus given to building will result soon in a dormitory for women.

In the August Illustrated Outlook appeared a very pertinent article by Clarence Birdseye on "The Greek-Letter Fraternity as an Educational Influence." In this article Mr. Birdseye traces the history of the college fraternity from its struggle for existence in the early part of the last century down to its present assured position as a permanent organization. He maintains that upon the alumni and faculty members who are fraternity men, rests largely the responsibility as to whether the Greek-Letter Fraternity shall prove a power for good or otherwise.

Mr. Birdseye suggests that because of the great increase in size of the student body during the last few years, the faculty members are able to come into personal contact with but few of the undergraduates. The fraternity, however, furnishes a medium through which a few faculty members may become personally acquainted with the work and needs of a limited number of students, thus being able to incite them to do their best work and get the best possible training during their college course.

Mr. Birdseye thinks the most desirable conditions can be brought about only from within the fraternities themselves. They must study thoroughly the great problems of student life which the faculty system has been powerless to solve and in such work they may count upon the hearty co-operation of their own alumni and of many alumni who never belonged to a fraternity.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

March—Shield of Theta Delta Chi.

April—Beta Theta Pi, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Phi Chi Quarterly and Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

May—Alpha Phi Quarterly, Alpha Sigma Alpha Magazine, Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi Quarterly, Delta of Sigma Nu and Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha.

June—Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Journal, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta and Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

July—Anchors of Delta Gamma, Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Chi Quarterly and Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

August—Eleusis of Chi Omega, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi and Delta of Sigma Nu.

September—Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho, Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi Quarterly.

October—Kappa Alpha Journal and Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

Clifford V. Peterson contributes to the Phi Gamma Delta an interesting summary of the chapter-house corporations of his fraternity which emphasize in their variety the wisdom of our own recommended chapter-house organization plans. Mr. Peterson states as his conclusion of the whole matter: "All that is needed is a start and plenty of enthusiasm, and then some good, hard, conscientious work to back it up. Given these conditions and every chapter can own its own chapter house."—Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

Some of the chapters adopt the plan of having a senior each year write up the chapter's history. It need not be a long narrative, but just a simple story of what has been done or left undone, of the needs and aims of the chapter at the beginning

of the college year, and how the one has been satisfied or not and the other attained or not. It is a good, wholesome practice to have this done, and read it at the first meeting of the next year.—Beta Theta Pi.

It is significant to notice, in three of the leading women's fraternity journals, articles dealing most favorably with the matter of extension. It is more significant that in each case the article came not from some chapter correspondent fulfilling an assignment by writing on the most available subject that presented itself but from an officer or former officer, well experienced in the work of her fraternity and deeply interested in its national standing. In this same connection we learn that more than one of the fraternities which have hitherto shown considerable reluctance to grant charters, now have officers in the field looking over colleges where they are unrepresented with a view to influencing and organizing groups of possible applicants. All which goes to show that the fraternities are looking about them, reaching out, and anticipating college and fraternity conditions.—Arrow.

While a fraternity is intended to encourage and develop the social side of college life it is never intended to promote the "society" aspirations of its members. If college is to do anything for us it should teach the worthlessness of lavish display and the value of a simpler social life. Chapters that entertain in the hope of impressing their rivals instead of giving pleasure to their friends are throwing away their time and their money. The college girl should not be a society girl and the attempt to make her such is bringing women's fraternities into disrepute.—Anchora.

Our fraternity life should be our private life. When we are thrown with other girls in any way whatsoever, it is best to forget fraternity distinctions, to feel that in public our duty primarily is toward others. As the members of a family do not select each other for special attention when in company, but rather make the most of such opportunities to enjoy their friends, reserving the expression of the closer relationship for

a more private and appropriate hour, so in the truest sisterhood the relationship is so close, the bond of love and harmony so strong that we do not have to make them known by public displays of affection and preference.—Crescent.

Each one should bring her individuality into the fraternity meeting and give her opinion on the question discussed. When the final decision is made let the chapter act unanimously. Outsiders are the first to notice any lack of unity in a chapter, and likewise are the first to criticise such a lack, therefore the best plan is to give them no chance to criticize.—Key.

The future of the Fraternity depends directly upon the good judgment and activity of the undergraduate members. It is not a case of judging the desirability of the man as he appears upon entering college but rather the possibilities of making him desirable. The task is the making of a fraternity man, not the finding.—Rainbow.

For permanent life and success in any chapter, there must be a steady return of its members for their second, third and fourth years of college and fraternity life. Quitters and short-course men never yet made a chapter, though a band of such may (if the editor may be permitted to borrow a term from a region unknown to him) "four-flush" for a brief season. Given this steady majority of older men, a chapter has the power to mold new material into the accepted likeness. Nothing can bring dry-rot more quickly than the notion that every freshman voted on must be a specimen of positive perfection in the characteristics which the chapter regards as essential. The freshmen are raw material. It is the duty and privilege of the chapter, it is a large part of fraternity life, to stamp upon them the one image which is thought acceptable. And through the changing generations of college men, as a speaker at the recent Conclave of District I suggested, the alumni of the chapter, and the district and general officers of the fraternity concerned; must also labor without ceasing, to maintain the standard. Quantity and quality must pull together.—Caduceus.

Every alumnus situated conveniently near his own or another chapter, should try to visit that chapter at the opening of college, even if only for an evening. His counsel will be of great practical value to the younger workers—and it is a well-known fact that there is no “rusher” who appeals to a new man so irresistibly as the graduate who comes down to his own level and talks with him as man to man. A common “rushing” error is to put the best foot foremost. When a man is taken to a succession of theatre parties, course dinners and social functions palpably arranged for his exclusive benefit, he knows—if he is the kind of a man we want—that this sort of thing won’t be kept up indefinitely and is no criterion by which to judge his entertainers. On the other hand, instead of trying to throw dust into the eyes of the new man, let him see just how the Brothers live their everyday college life. We can give him a really good time without running to the vicious extremes of extravagance or parsimony. Be natural—it is the most effective “rushing” in the world.—Garnet and White.

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